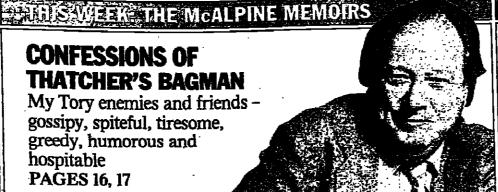
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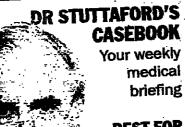
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Major's secret role in fund deal

By ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR'S personal involvement in securing one of the biggest overseas donations in the Conservative Party's

history is revealed today.

Lord McAlpine of West Green, the party treasurer during Baroness Thatcher's 15-year tenure as leader, tells how Mr Major asked him to solicit desperate-ly needed funds from a millionaire businessman. The benefactor, whose identity is not disclosed in Lord Mc-Alpine's memoirs, Once a Jolly Bagman, which begin serialisation in The Times today, handed over a £500,000 cheque.

But The Times has learnt that he was John Latsis, the Greek shipping tycoon, who was an alleged supporter of the military junta that ruled his country between 1967 and 1974.

The disclosure that Mr Major initiated the donation will deeply embarrass the party high command. It has always been assumed that the Prime Minister kept at



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The Tory unease will be deepened be

the reopening of the wounds over the downfall of Lady Thatcher. Lord

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Mr Major had an election campaign in

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Four who suffer in the McAlpine memoirs. Lord Howe, left, Lord Archer, Chris Patten and the Prime Minister ship ballot, a fact of which Lady

Thatcher was unaware. He remarks that it was not long after Mr Major's succession, when peace was declared in the Cabinet, that civil war broke out. "The Cabinet of chums soon became a hotbed of rebellion. If a knife was missing, it could easily be found for it would be sticking out of a colleague's back." Backbenchers were treated with even more disdain if they protested. Those who wrote or spoke in criticism of the Government became anathema, to be cast into outer darkness."

Few people are spared from the acerbic pen of the millionaire peer, a key

player in the Thatcher era, who has so despaired of the Tory Party that he now backs Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party. Lord Archer of Westonsuper-Mare, regarded as one of the few senior Tories to have a foot in the Thatcher and Major camps, is savaged. While he was "likeable", he was neither a prolific fundraiser nor a confidant of Lady Thatcher. "I only hope for the sake of Britain, that no politician, hearing only good of the man, mistakenly gives him again a job of any political consequence. To do that would once more put both party and nation in consider-

able icopardy. Lady Thatcher's chief grumble about Lord Howe of Aberavon, apart from his wife Elspeth, who spent an evening in a cardboard box with the homeless, was his sheer reasonableness. "It made him quite intolerable" When she told Lord Howe in 1989 that she had decided to Continued on page 2, col 5

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Pregnant women 'may drink a little'

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

IT is safe for pregnant women to drink a small amount of alcohol without harming the foetus, a new report suggests. But women who drink more than three small glasses of wine a day, or the equivalent during pregnancy may harm the brains of their unborn children, according to the first authoritative survey of the risks alcohol to the foetus.

More than two glasses a day may hinder the focus's growth in the womb, leading to a smaller baby, the Royal College of Obstetricians says. In its first guidelines on drinking in pregnancy, the college says that although there is no evidence that drinking harms the foetus at levels up to 15 units a week, women should limit themselves to one standard drink a day to be on the safe side.

One standard drink (unit of alcohol) is half a pint of ordinary beer, a small glass of wine or a single measure of spirits. Consumption of 15 units or more a week has been associated with lower birth weight and consumption above 20 units a week has Continued on page 2, col 6

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*Bet you my mum drank more during pregnancy than yours did"



Ralph Fiennes with Francesca Annis at the London premiere yesterday of The English Patient, which has been nominated for twelve Oscars

Vatican urges mercy for contraceptive 'sinners'

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Roman Catholic Church has modified its position on the use of artificial contraception, urging confessors to treat couples using such methods with "menty, discretion and respect".

A Varican handbook for priests published on Saturday by the Pontifical Council for the Family recommends that Catholics who admit using the pill, the sheath or other forms of contraception should be given absolution, even if they carry out the "sin" repeatedly. provided they confess each time and make a commitment "not to

fall again into sin". The handbook reaffirms the Church's ban on the use of any contraceptive method, severely condemning the intrinsic malice of every conjugal act rendered intentionally infertile", adding that

"this is definitive and unreformable doctrine. But for the first time in a Vatican document, the Church described certain cases in which confessors are invited to grant absolution generously. The handbook also calls on priests to regard with indulgence those people who "co-operate in the sin of the conjugal partner" - meaning someone who is persuaded to

use contraceptives by their spouse. The Vatican also calls for indulgence of those Catholics who use contraceptives without realising their "malice", when such people are motivated by "invincible subjective ignorance".

The guidance brings the Church's stance into line with what a large number of priests have already been doing in

Albania in state of emergency

A state of emergency was declared in Albania as protesters from Vlore and other southern towns looted weapons from police and army barracks and threatened to march on the capital to bring down President Berisha.

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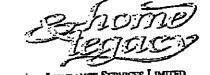
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King Husain gives palace to young orphans

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

KING HUSAIN of Jordan is turning one of his palaces over to orphaned and homeless children and moving with his family into what The Jordan Times calls "a modest home" in Anuman's suburbs.

He and his fourth wife, Queen Noor, were visibly moved by a visit to a poorly equipped home for orphans aged between one and seven - 185 of the 600 children in care in Jordan. Two days later the king issued an unprecedented royal decree instructing his Prime Minister to transform the Al-Hashemiyeh guest palace. The Sandhurst-trained monarch, a close

personal friend of the Queen, made clear that his current home, the heavily guarded Al Nadwa palace on a hill overlooking Amman. would now become the residence for Jordan's official guests. His new home will be known as the "gate of peace".

In a letter to his Prime Minister, the king, ol. wrote: "Since my visit together with Queen Noor to the Al Hussein Social Welfare Foundation, which was established to care for the orphans in 1953, my mind has not been at rest and I was deprived of sleep because of what I saw of the poor conditions in this foundation and the condition of its occupants of innocent children. What I saw there has burdened my conscience and heart."

Explaining a decision - very much in his tradition of grand philanthropic gestures - that surprised even his courtiers and may lead to calls for similar gestures by other royal figures. the king said: "All these scenes and images will not be removed from my conscience as long as I live. These innocent souls require mental, physical and moral development which we

should all provide for them." He added that the maintenance of the new childrens' home "will be the responsibility of the engineering unit employed by the royal court". One palace official said: "It is very typical of

the man. The children are going to love it. It has a beautiful balcony - you can just look at the nature and watch the sun set."

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Dorrell orders major review of patient power at Broadmoor

By Lin Jenkins A MAJOR review of security and patient care at Broadmoor special hospital in the wake of warnings that it was reaching "breaking point" has been ordered by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secre-

detailing intimidation of staff by The review is the second to examine the role of the Patients' Council after criticism that it has too much influence over the way the hospital is run. The High

Security Psychiatric Services Com-

missioning Board is already look-

tary. The move follows a report by

the Prison Officers' Association

ing at the framework of patient councils at Broadmoor and the two other high security hospitals, Ashworth and Rampton.

The lo-strong Patients' Council at the hospital in Crowthorne, Berkshire, met last Thurday after two weeks' suspension imposed when more than 100 pornographic videos were found in the room of one of its members who had tried to prevent a search being carried out. Mr Dorrell said yesterday: "Serious concerns have been raised. The management believe they have been answered. But I think, given proper public concern about these hospitals, it's important that there is an external evaluation and that is what I am in the process of providing." He said that fashionable ideas and misguided liberalism must not be

allowed to compromise security.

Andy Gossage, of the POA, wrote to Mr Dorrell a week ago warning of conditions at Broadmoor. "Control has been lost," he said. "Because of poor staffing levels, response to alarm belis is poor. We believe someone is going to be badly injured, if not fatally. if this situation does not improve."

Prison officers reported an incident of a patient who was allowed to cross-dress and stay in bed all

day. Others were allowed to refuse therapy, and there were breaches of the rules on women visitors. They said there was a shortage of experienced nurses, enabling some patients to intimidate staff.

David Evans, general secretary of the POA, welcomed the review and said that despite assurances from the hospital the problems had not been resolved. "It appears that on several occasions patients have had more say in the running of the hospital than staff. We can understand management wanting to hear the views of patients but I believe they have gone over the top with the Patients' Council." The

review will be carried out by Anglia and Oxford regional health service and will report at the end of March. Existing rules on chil-dren's visits and access to video equipment have been tightened in view of the Government inquiry into allegations of child abuse and a pornography ring at Ashworth

hospital on Merseyside. Patients' councils were intro-duced in 1993 at all high security psychiatric hospitals to allow patients to express their views. They have no part in the management structure. However, the review of their role already under way is considering whether, since those

most assertive, those who are less forceful are being neglected. It is also looking at the option of other bodies, such as Victim Support, having a forum through which they could express a view.

Broadmoor has sought to play down suggestions that the Patients' Council has influenced the way the hospital is run and has given reassurances to Mr Dorrell. A spokesman said it would be inappropriate to comment before Mr Dorrell formally anounces the review and its remit to the House of Commons today. Peter Thompson, life vice-president of the

elected to the body tend to be the Patients' Council, said members were not allowed to try to influence key issues of security or treatment. Mr Thompson, who is also the director of the mental health and penal reform group The Matthew Trust, said: "The patients are not given enough room to be a nuisance to management and the idea that they can run the hospital is fantasy.

☐ Prison staff at Wormwood Scrubs have agreed to accept 100 new prisoners from this morning "provided the safety of staff is not compromised". The breakthrough follows talks after a lightning strike on Saturday.

Cabinet unity on European policy is again breached

Dorrell forced to backtrack over gaffe on currency

By Philip Webster, political editor

STEPHEN DORRELL was forced into an embarrassing climbdown last night after becoming the first Cabinet minister to declare that Britain would not join a single currency on January I, 1999.

The Health Secretary, intending to prevent a new internal dispute on Europe hampering the Tory fightback from the Wirral South defeat. was clearly breaching the Cabinet agreement that options would be left open on monetary union.

Only hours after Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative chairman, had said that all ministers would be expected to toe the wait-and-see line, Mr Dorrell said that "we shall not be joining a single currency on January 1, 1999".

John Major has said it is very unlikely, though not impossible to join in the first wave in 1999. But Mr Dorrell's statement, made on LWTs Jonathan Dimbleby programme, is the first time a minister has gone as far as to say Britain will not join mone-tary union on the scheduled

After discussions with Conservative Central Office, Mr Dorrell issued a statement last night saying that he entirely agreed with the Government's position "and no words I used on the Dimbleby programme were intended to question it. He then added: "We have

not ruled out joining a single currency on January 1, 1999. We have said that we believe the likelihood of our doing so is extremely small."

Earlier, Labour seized on the new confusion at the heart of the Government's European policy, and Mr Dorrell, who was recently slapped down by Mr Major after a gaffe over Tory policy on a Scottish parliament, was again accused of playing to the Eursceptic gallery.

Only two weeks ago Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, was contradicted by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, when he said the Government was "hostile" to a single

When Mr Dimbleby pointed out on the programme that he had gone farther than other ministers. Mr Dorrell repeated his line: "I said we shall not be joining on January 1, 1999. because we shan't be putting the legislation through on the timescale that makes that possible.

Mr Dimbleby: "I may be

first time that a Cabinet minister has said we will not be doing it because it will not possible. Mr Dorrell: "I think

you're right to say it is a van-ishingly small possibility of us joining on January 1, 1999." Edwina Currie, the pro-European former minister. criticised Mr Dorrell. "I get the feeling some of our Cabinet ministers seem to have stopped thinking properly. "
she said. "I personally had hopes that all Cabinet ministers might sing from the same hymn sheet, but there appear to be two or three different

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said: "Has Stephen Dorrell made another gaffe or is he announcing an official change of government policy on the single currency?"

Earlier, Dr Mawhinney had warned ministers not to step out of line on the Government's wait-and-see policy on a single currency after one of his more junior colleagues issued an anti-Euro message to constituents. In a newsletter to his Bolton West constituents, Tom Sackville, a Home Office Minister, said it would not be in Britain's interests to Mr Dimbleby: "I may be join a single currency "now wrong, but I think that's the nor in the foreseeable future".

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Pregnant women 'may drink - a little'

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impairment in children. The guidelines, produced for the college's 3,700 obstetrician members in the UK by its scientific advisory committee, are intended to help to inform specialists in an area where medical consensus is lacking. Some doctors maintain that moderate drinking is safe during pregnancy, while others advocate total abstinence.

Based on a review of the latest research, the guidelines say evidence on the link be-tween social drinking and miscarriage or premature birth is inconsistent. However, there is good evidence that it has a "small negative effect" on the growth of the foetus.

Damage to brain development occurs at higher levels of drinking. The guidelines cite a study in Seattle, Canada, which found children of mothers who drank 21 or more units of alcohol a week during their pregnancies had, at age seven. IQ scores seven points lower than children of mothers who drank less. They also had poorer memories and more difficulties with reading

and arithmetic. Heavy drinkers are at risk of having a baby with foetal alcohol syndrome, who are born with a facial deformity. About a third of children born to women drinking 18 units of alcohol a day, equivalent to more than two bottles of wine, have the syndrome.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Ashdown slaps down merger suggestion

Paddy Ashdown ruled out the idea of a merger with the Labour Party only 24 hours after the possibility was raised by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. The Liberal Democrat leader authorised Lord Holme of Cheltenham, one of his closest personal friends and political aides, to scotch the idea. Lord Holme, speaking on BBC TV's On the Record yesterday, said: "I absolutely exclude any possibility of a merger with the Labour Party as being on the agenda now or at any

Discussions are continuing between the two parties on a proposed electoral commission which would investigate whether to institute a system of proportional representation. A statement is expected from them both later this week although Labour sources made clear yesterday that it was not committed to moving to a system of PR.

School body attacked

A critical report to be published next week on the local education authority responsible for The Ridings School in Halifax could pave the way for the appointment of a "hit squad to run the school. The Office for Standards in Education, whose inspectors spent a fortnight examining Calderdale education authority. West Yorkshire, will pinpoint weaknesses in the administration of the area's schools. The findings may hasten the transfer of The Ridings to a government-appointed education association.

\$2.5m Heathrow theft

Detectives investigating the theft of a bag of dollar bills worth \$2.5 million (£1.5m) from a loading bay at Heathrow Airport were questioning British Airways security and ground staff. The cash was on its way to Moscow from the Republic National Bank of New York. The money, part of a \$10 million consignment to one of the new banks set up in Russia, disappeared after being flown from America and put in a sealed container in a supposedly secure strongroom in the airport's world cargo centre.

New prison planned

The Prison Service is proposing to build a second 800inmate jail in Birmingham after abandoning two sites in Shropshire when surveys disclosed geological problems. Officials have earmarked a site adjacent to the existing Winson Green jail on the outskirts of the city centre for the construction of the new prison. It would be built under the Government's private finance initiative would be managed by a private sector security firm on a 25-year contract.

Prince's application

The Prince of Wales has applied for planning permission to build a 7,000 sq ft function suite at Highgrove, Gloucestershire. The application will be considered at a meeting of Cotswold District Council's planning committee on March 19. The plans show a building about 100 yards from the main house, constructed of local stone and cement render, with a roof of Cotswold stone slates to blend in with other outbuildings on the estate.

Work first for women

Women executives are more likely to put work before family than men in equivalent jobs, according to new research. Nearly a fifth of women managers said their career was more important than their home life compared to 13 per cent of male executives. Sixty per cent of women and men gave work and family equal priority. The research, compiled by the institute of Management, showed that men and women agree that there is now far more equality in the workplace.

MORI blow for Major

An opinion poll in Wirral South, carried out after Labour's hy-election victory, suggests that the result would be repeated in a general election. The findings of the MORI survey in The Sun today show no sign of the "bounce-back" predicted by John Major. It confirmed a 17 per cent swing to Labour. If the result was repeated nationwide Labour would sweep to power with a 296-seat majority. Eight in ten voters surveyed thought Labour would win the election.

Finders keepers

A woman who left her car parked in the street for nine months after injuring her hand discovered that it had been legally transferred to a new owner. Ann Lucas of Wandsworth, south London, was told by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency that the vehicle had been presumed abandoned and was registered to the man who reported it when he applied for it. The agency could not contact Miss Lucas because she was staying with friends:

Building a new image

The enduring image of the British builder who displays his ample bottom while leering at every passing female is about to be demolished. Industry image makers have decided to recast the lazy, wolf-whistling bricklayer — satirized by the comedians Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders - as a good, honest bloke. Jewson, the builder's merchant, today launches the £3 million campaign to highlight the human dimension of the building trade.

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Tories may use televised debate as last card

By Andrew Pierce. Political correspondent

JOHN MAJOR and his advisers are likely to decide against a presidential-style televised debate with Tony Blair. Although the option will be kept open, the idea of an early debate will be rejected by a strategy meeting at Conservative Central Office today.

Tory sources predicted yesterday that logisticial difficulties, such as the choice of presenter and agreeing a format that satisfied Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, would preclude such a debate. But they insisted that the option had to be kept alive in case it became Mr Major's last card.

There have been reports of disagreements involving Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, Michael Heseltine. the Deputy Prime Minister. Lord Cranborne, the Downing Street chief of staff, and the advertising guru Lord Sa-atchi. Dr Mawhinney, speaking on BBCl's Breakfast with Frost yesterday, declared: "I'm in charge of the Conservatives" election strategy and performance and I am very happy with that responsibility."

The meeting will agree the latest Tory poster, to be unveiled tomorrow It will replace the "lion" campaign which became a source of mirth at Central Office.

The new poster will ask how Britain "can afford to pay" for a Labour government. In a speech tonight to the British Retail Consortium, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will

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move Mr Major to the Foreign

Office, he replied: "Wonderful.

he will be a great help to me.

He had not realised Mr Major

was taking his place. The

resignation speech which trig-

gered the leadership contest

followed the next year. When Lord Parkinson.

whom Lord McAlpine accuses

of being a helpless gossip.

worked at Central Office he

sat opposite a woman with a

argue that the Tories' spending plans were sustainable. unlike Labour's.

The Tories latest campaign strategy is intended to "scare" voters away from Labour. On Thursday, Mr Heseltine will open a Commons debate on public spending which will be used to attack Labour. After the Tories' crushing

defeat in last week's Wirral South by-election, many backbenchers, including the former Tory chairman Sir Norman Fowler, are pressing for Mr Major to agree to a televised debate. Mr Major. who is opposed to the idea, has been advised that it would be unhelpful. The Tories fear that that there would be little opportunity for Mr Major and Mr Blair to cross swords.

One of the biggest problems for Central Office would be Mr Blair's appearing on the same platform as Mr Major. They wish to project the Prime Minister as an international statesman, and Mr Blair as untried and untested. Mr Blair's office are "extremely keen" on the idea of a

debate, "anytime, anywhere". A complaint by Charles Lewington, the Tories' director of communications, that the BBC had shown left-wing bias was yesterday dismissed by George Walden, the Tory MP for Buckingham. "If anything the BBC have been a bit tougher recently on Labour," he said. Richard Ayre, deputy head of BBC News, rejected Mr Lewington's claims.

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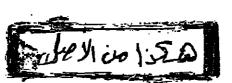
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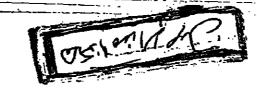
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Dowding family angry at sale of wartime medals

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A FAMILY feud has broken out over the sale of the wartime medals of Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding by his son's French-born third wife. The present baron, Piers Dowding, says the auction is going ahead without the approval of some of the closest relatives of the man who masterminded the Battle of

The medals, which include the Grand Cross insignia from the Orders of the Bath (GCB) and the Royal Victoria Order (GCVO), are due to be autioned by Spink and Son in London this month.

Spink has been careful to avoid giving any clues to the present owner of the medals, other than to state that "full legal title belongs to our vendor". However Odette. Baroness Dowding, the third wife of the 1st Baron Dowding's only son, Derek, who died on November 22, 1992, confirmed that she was selling the medals because she needed the money. They are expected to fetch up to

In a letter to The Times. Lord Dowding, grandson of the wartime Commander-in-Chief of Fighter Command and the 3rd baron, said: "As present head of the family, I can say unequivocally that the family has not been consulted in this matter and that if we had, we would not have agreed to the proposed sale. In fact we are horrified."

Lord Dowding is the elder son of the 2nd Baron Dowding



Dowding: C-in-C of Fighter Command

and his second wife, Alison. He is an associate professor of English at Okayama University in Japan. He and his wife, Noriko Shiho, have two daughters, Rosemary and Elizabeth. He said he wrote to The Times because he thought people ought to know "the true situation"

Lord Dowding said: "Despite being next in line. I have never seen the medals, and the only notification I have ever received was a letter which arrived on February 21 from the seller attempting to justify the sale." He did not disclose who had written to him, nor give any hint as to who was the legal owner of the medals. He said: "Lord Dowding

happened to have been my grandfather, but he was grandfather to all of us alive in Britain today. If I needed money to support my lifestyle . I might flog off a few family valuables, but not these.

The medals on sale will include First World War campaign medals from when Lord Dowding was a fighter pilot. They is also a Companion's badge of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG). Michael Fopp, director of

the RAF Museum at Hendon in north London, has already announced that the trustees of the museum hope to buy the medals at the auction for immediate exhibition" in the Battle of Britain hall at the Hendon site. The museum is seeking help from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the RAF.

Britain. There is a suggestion they might fetch £60,000 at

auction and go to a museum in the United States. If I had the

money I would buy them back

and donate them to some-

where like the Imperial War Museum or RAF Cranwell."

Odette, Baroness Dowding,

who lives in London and

Toulouse, married the 2nd

baron in 1961. Her husband

was a former RAF Spirfire

pilot who served with 74 Squadron with distinction during the Battle of Britain under overall direction of his

father at Fighter Command

Lady Dowding told The

Times: "I'm selling the medals.

They belong to me and I'm in

need of the money. But I hope

the medals will remain in

Britain." She said she had written to Lord Dowding in

Japan to tell him that she was

selling them but had received

The present Lord Dowding

said that when he discovered

his grandfather's medals were

to be sold, he spoke to Spink

and Son to find out why he

had not been told about the sale. "I was told that normally

the seller should get in touch,"

Spink, who is responsible for

the sale of the medals on

March 18, said: "I'm aware

that there are members of the

Dowding family who claim

not to have been informed.

However, I have spoken to

members of the family and

have written to others."

Erskine-Hill of

headquarters.

no reply.

David



The champion jockey Willie Carson, who rode more than 3,000 winners in his 35-year career, announced his retirement at the weekend. Carson, 54, had been struggling to return to fitness after being badly injured last year.

Oasis call in

£6m cricket club votes for closure

By Stephen Farrell

cused the club's officials of

running it down since mem-

bers narrowly rejected a

£4.3 million offer from

lan Porter, 50, a company

director whose house adjoins

the ground, said: "They have

not advertised locally for play-

ers as far as anyone round

here can see. We wouldn't

have a problem getting crick-

eters. Basically, it's about money." The club denies profit

A second meeting, on April

20, will be held to ratify the

decision. A statement released

by the Andrew Farley, the club

solicitor and a member, read:

with its negotiations with Al-

development of the club's

fred

"The committee will proceed

McAlpine Southern

is the motive for closure.

McAlpine's in 1988.

A 130-YEAR-OLD village cricket club voted itself out of existence yesterday. Members may now benefit from a £6 million property windfall.

The 109 members of Oatlands Park Cricket Club stand to gain an average of more than E50,000 each if they accept proposals to turn its sixacre ground into a housing

The annual general meeting voted overwhelmingly to dissolve the club after hearing of outline plans by the developers Alfred McAlpine for the site, near Weybridge, Surrey. The committee said falling membership and a shortage of players had made the club unviable. Only seven of the 91 members present voted

The decision angered some Letters, page 21 | local residents, who have acpolice over pirate tape

THE pop group Oasis have called in the police to investigate an attempt to sell a pirate copy of tracks from their next album to a national

newspaper.
The band are still working on their third album at a studio in Hampstead, northwest London, and its content has been kept highly secret. A spokesman for the band said: "We have heard that the tape is being offered for sale.

We are not saying that it is not of Oasis, but it is not an authorised copy of the master tape. The album isn't finished He said that no date had

been fixed for the release of the album, its final content or its name. "This is quite precious information. Oasis haven't said much about the album so Homes Limited regarding the it in the right conditions at the Grimy boys may benefit sisters

By NICK NUTTALL

GRUBBY little boys should be a cause of celebration not consternation, especially among their sisters for whom they may prove the best protection

against allergies in adult life. Women who have several brothers are far less likely to develop asthma and other allergies later in life, scientists have found. They believe that boys, who generally take less care over hygiene than girls. bring more infections home. This ensures that their sisters also get a good dose of illnesses and helps to develop their disease-fighting systems against airborne irritants such as dust and pollen. Professor Jean Golding, of the Institute of Child Health, Bristol University, said yesterday: "We infection may protect against allergen sensitivity". The findings are based on studies of more than 11,000 women as part of an investiga-

tion into child health and development, at Bristol University. The scientists, based at Bristol and at St George's Hospital Medical School. London, found that 26 per cent of women without brothers were sensitive to airborne irritants such as grass, dust and those linked with cats. The figure fell to 23 per cent for women with one brother, 20 per cent for those with two brothers, and 17 per cent for

those with three brothers. The researchers, who emphasise that they did not question men, think their findings far. They want people to hear) believe that boys may bring add to increasing evidence more infection into the home that allergies are influenced than girls and that early by family composition.

Orders of the Bath, left, and the Royal Victoria Order Forty are hurt as coach veers off road in high wind

The sale includes the Grand Cross insignia from the

By Harvey Elliott

A FORTY-ONE people were in- aid and drag him to the bank. jured yesterday when a coach veered off a road into a waterfilled dyke as high winds blew across the Fens. They were returning from a twenty-first

birthday outing. Police and crash investigators have asked for a report on the weather conditions. The trip to Nottingham was for the birthday of Katy Halifax of Wyberton, Lincolnshire, who was one of eight people kept in hospital. She has a broken pelvis and other injuries.

The trip had been organised by Miss Halifax's friends and many were from the same factory. The coach left Nottingham about 2.40am and crashed shortly before 4am on a single-track road about seven miles from Boston. Miss Halifax's brother lan, 23, said: We seemed to just leave the road and hit the ditch." Only two people on the badly damaged coach escaped injury.

In Scotland, a walker was blown 300ft down a hillside into a flooded river near the Pass of Glencoe. Simon Dimmer, 32. of Chorley, Lancashire, was badly injured on Saturday. He was swept almost 100ft downstream before his three companions man-aged to scramble down to his to Canada.

Mr Dimmer, a surveyor, was stretchered off by 25 members of Glencoe Mountain Rescue Team after his friends raised the alarm. Last night his condition was serious but stable in Southern General

Hospital, Glasgow. One of the rescue team was badly bruised when he was blown over a cliff. Davy Gunn, the deputy team leader. who estimated the wind speed at 100mph, said his colleague was blown 15ft up in the air and over a cliff near the same place where the accident happened. He was literally picked up by the wind and thrown through the air like a puppet."

A fully-laden supertanker drifted for 212 hours without power in 60ft waves off the Outer Hebrides yesterday after losing its steering. The Panamanian-registered Sioro radioed Stornoway Coast-guard on the Isle of Lewis after developing problems in force 12 conditions, some of the most

violent in the area for years. A coastguard tug was sent to the aid of the 156,000-tonne tanker, with a crew of 27 on board. Eventually the vessel regained control and continued its journey from Norway

Murdered woman was a stalwart of village community

By Helen Johnstone

A WOMAN described as active in village life has been found murdered in a burning caravan in the grounds of a £250,000 home that she and her husband were building as their dream house.

The body of Janice Cartwright-Gilbert, 38, who died from stab wounds to the chest. was found in the caravan at the four-acre site on the edge of Wilden, Bedfordshire. by firemen. They had been alerted by a 999 call on Friday by someone had who spotted

flames and smoke. Mrs Cartwright-Gilbert. who served on several local councils and was secretary to the village school's governors. was dragged clear by firemen but attempts to revive her failed. Police believe her killer or killers started the blaze, in which her two red setter dogs also died, in an attempt to

destroy evidence. Neighbours said Mrs Cartwright-Gilbert and her husband Rod, a security systems installer, had been staying in the mobile home yards from where work was being done on a five-bedroom property. They lived there with the dogs. a goat and chickens. Building work had started 18 months ago after the couple bought the land for £80,000 and moved from their home in the nearby village of Great Barford.

Police said Mr Cartwright-Gilbert had last seen his wife when he left the caravan at 7.30 am on Friday to work in London. Officers had to locate him before they could break the news. He was last night being comforted at his parents' home in Bedford.

Mrs Cartwright-Gilbert, who neighbours said was well connected, intelligent and articulate". had had attended an evening meeting at the village school prior to her death.

Par Mettam, who runs a nearby riding school, said: "They worked so hard on the house. Every night the husband would be working away until 11 o'clock. She seemed a very nice lady."

Another neighbour recalled

how last summer a heliconter landed on the couple's land and friends arrived for the afternoon. They were obviously well connected," she said.

Bedfordshire police were last night questioning a man. "He is likely to be with us for some time," police said. "We are stressing, however, that he is not a member of the Cartwright Gilbert family.

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Drivers keep calmer on Country Roads



Denver hymn to the joys of home

By JONATHAN PRYNN

COUNTRY and Western hit dating back 24 years, and performed by a singer regarded as embarrassingly middle of the road, is Britain's favourite motoring singalong

John Denver's Country Roads topped a poll of 700 drivers who were asked to name the song they most enjoyed listening to on the stereo while on the road. The 1973 hit headed a top 10 of easy-listening classics that range from Frank Sinatra to Bruce Springsteen. The only representative from the 1990s

is Oasis's Roll With It. Denver's hymn to the joys

of home beat Queen's glam rock classic, Bohemian Rhapsody, by two votes. Frank Sinatra's New York, New York trailed a distant third. As well as revealing the

defiantly conservative music tastes of Britain's drivers, the Autoglass poll found that most motorists believe playing music in their cars calms them down and makes them less prone to road rage. Almost six out of ten said it soothed their feelings while driving on Britain's increasingly infuriating roads.

Andy Edyvean, marketing manager of Autoglass, said: There seems to be something about country music that's soothing to drivers, it may be

the ultimate antedote to road rage." Blaring in-car music appears to have precisely the opposite effect. Ten per cent said they drove more than 10mph faster when loud music was playing. Motoring top 10: I John

Denver Country Roads. 2 Queen Bohemian Rhapsody, 3 Frank Sinatra New York. New York: 4 Eagles Hotel California: 5 Don MacLean American Pie, 6 Van Morrison Brown Eyert Girl; 7 Oasis Roll With It: 8 Bruce Springsteen Born to Run; 9 Led Zeppelin Stairway to Heaven: 10 Aretha Franklin

Trawlers blamed as 400 dead dophins are washed ashore

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of dead dolphins have been washed ashore on the coast of western France in recent weeks. Scientists believe that they were killed accidentally by fishing boats and that many more must have died.

The discovery of 400 carcasses will strengthen pressure on the European Commission to back new rules aimed at making fisheries safer for dolphins.

Dr Peter Evans, a marine mammals expert at Oxford University and the Sea Watch Foundation, who has been monitoring the strandings, said yesterday: "Many more must have been killed, with possibly only a relatively small proportion seen on-shore. This rate of kill is unsustainable."

Many of the dolphins are thought to have come from waters off southern England. In January about 40 harbour porpoises and common dol-

ashore dead on Cornish beaches. Conservationists are linking the two incidents. They believe that trawlers scooping up mackerel down the British coast, through the Channel and down the French coast may have accidentally entangled an unprecedented number of dolphins.

The deaths on the French coast, between Nantes and 200 km south of Bordeaux, have been chronicled by Dr Anne Collet, of the Research Centre for Marine Mammals in La Rochelle. She said yesterday that more than three quarters of the marine mammals, mainly common dolphins but a few striped ones and a handful of harbour porpoises, a pilot whale and two fin whales, showed cuts and severed tails consistent with being caught and killed

by fishing gear.
In 1989 more than 500 animals were also washed ashore at about the same time of year. But tests could not link

them with fishing activity. But this time there was little doubt, Dr Collet said. "There are clear signs of the animals having been killed, rather than having died from natural

The scientist, who will disclose full details at a meeting of the European Cetacean Society in Stralsund, Germany, said the dolphins had been killed up to two months ago. That dating has helped experts to link the Cornish and French coast incidents.

There is growing pressure on European nations, including Britain, to introduce safeguards to make fishing boats less environmentally destructive in the key areas of the Celtic Sea, the Bay of Biscay and the North Sea.

Modern trawlers often work in pairs, pulling vast nets across the seas at high speed. Environmentalists believe the scale of the operations gives the dolphins and porpoises



Bernadette McAliskey said doctors predict a difficult birth for her daughter

Outcry feared if baby taken from McAliskey

By Nicholas Watt, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

being warned by MPs from across the political spectrum that he will hand a propaganda coup to Sinn Fein if the pregnant daughter of Bernadette McAliskey is separated from her baby in prison.

The Home Secretary has been told that a campaign in support of Roisin McAliskey. led by her mother, has been gathering momentum in America and Ireland and risks creating an "internation-al cause célèbre". Several dozen members of Fuascailt. the Irish political prisoners campaign, picketed Downing Street yesterday demanding

Miss McAliskey, 25, who is MISS MCAISKEY, 25, who is expected to give birth in May, is being held at Holloway Prison awaiting extradition to Germany on charges of attempted murder and possessing explosives. The case is linked to an IDA linked to an IRA mortar attack on a British Army base in Germany last June. She has been refused bail while she challenges the extradition.

Mrs McAliskey, who led a civil rights campaign in Northern Ireland in the late 1960s, said she was concerned for the welfare of her daugh-ter and the unborn child. "If she is not allowed to keep the baby, we will be left with a young woman who, in medical opinion, will have gone through a difficult birth and will have no child to show for will have no child to show for that. We will be left with a child that literally is deprived

MICHAEL HOWARD is of its mother's milk." Miss McAliskey has asked the Prison Service to transfer her to Holloway's mother and baby unit, which is not designed to hold high-risk prisoners.

Richard Tilt, the Director General of the service, said that he hoped to reach a decision quickly. He conceded that the delay was putting pressure on Miss McAliskey but said that social services and childcare specialists were

being consulted. Peter Temple-Morris, the Conservative co-chairman of the Anglo-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body, said at the weekend that Miss McAliskey should be allowed to keep her child. The MP for Leominster will hear representations from Irish MPs on behalf of Miss McAliskey at today's meeting in Dublin of the inter-parliamentary

He said that he would raise the case with Mr Howard after the election. "This has the potential to become an international cause célébre. I am anxious that we should move on this."

His comments reflect_concern among some Tory and Labour MPs that Miss McAliskey's case could fuel a campaign against Britain. A republican group in America is inundating the British Embassy in Washington with emessages. Irish politicians have visited Miss Aliskey in prison. A group of MEPs will visit her this week.

Original Oxfam shop runs out of volunteers

THE first Oxfam shop that opened in 1942 is appealing for help after being hit by a shortage of volunteers. As a result the three-storey shop in Oxford is having to cut its opening hours.

Oxfam shops nationwide are suffering similar problems because of competition from other charity shops and pressure on time detering potential

Jan Tansley, a 52-year-old volunteer who runs the shop on its original site in the centre of Oxford, said: "It does seem sad that the city where it all began seems to be turning its back on us. We only have 20 volunteers out of the 40 which we need. We desperately need more or face the possibility that we could shut."

Oxfam was set up at the Victorian premises in Broad Street by a Quaker group collecting clothing for people in Greece during the German occupation. By 1947 it had attracted so many surplus donations that the offices had to be converted into a shop. The charity now has an annual turnover of £80 million, and provides aid in more than 70 countries. Britain has 850 shops, staffed by 26,000 volunteers. Malcolm Curtis, a spokesman for Oxfam, said: 'All the shops need more volunteers because people's social circumstances have changed. Although everyone seems just as committed, nobody seems to have as much time available to help out. Also there is more choice. In the last 10 years we have started facing competition in the high street from more than

20 other retail charities."

Ex-Gurkhas march for pay parity

More than 12,000 retired Gurkhas and their families marched though Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, on Sunday to demand that the British Government extend new benefits to them.

Gurkhas still active in the Army are to be paid the same as their British counterparts and be allowed to bring their families to Britain.

The former servicemen car-Gurkhas fought the British war, now we will fight for our own rights."

Pirate returns

The pirate station Radio London is planning to return this summer, 30 years after its enforced closure by the government in 1967. It hopes to start broadcasts from a disused lightship close to its original offshore site near Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

Dunblane guns

Guns used by Thomas Hamilton in the Dunblane shootings are being held in a police storeroom, six months after they were ordered to be destroyed. Ann Pearston, of the anti-guns campaign Snowdrop, said the news would horrify the victims' families.

Elgar surfaces

A bronze bust of Sir Edward Elgar, stolen last May from its plinth in Malvern, has been found in a farmland pool. John Tretheway, chairman of the district council, said: "He has gone a little bit green but a scrub with soap and water should do the trick."

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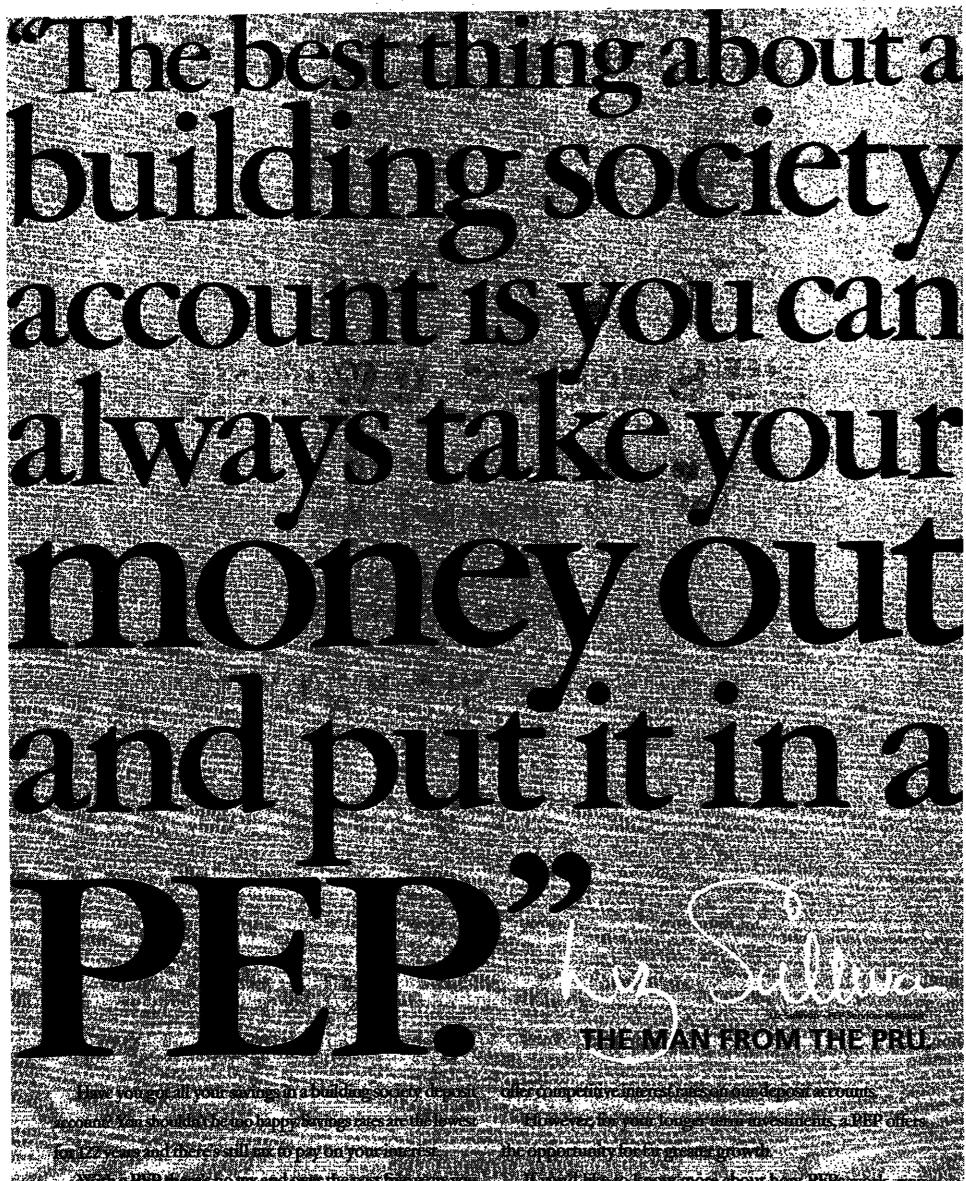
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Art may imitate political life, in taken the tastes of Blair and Major

Whitworth considers what

Tony Blair may hang on walls of No 10

DOWNING STREET may be about to witness a change in artistic taste as well as political leadership.

Prime Ministers are allowed to request pictures from government collections and the nation's great galleries to hang on the walls at Number 10. Tony Blair has declared that his "wish list" is for works by European mas-John Major's overwhelming ly British collection if Labour wins the general election.

An article for today's edition of Mag, the magazine of London museums and galleries, discloses that Mr Major has reorganised the art collection at Number 10 to display an enthusiasm for modern British art. A selection from the Tate, including The Quiet River: The Thames at Chiswick 1944, by Victor Pasmore, is shown in the first floor

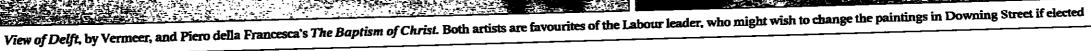
The Prime Minister has also added such Constables as Yarmouth Jetty and Branch Pond, Hampstead Heath to the Turners chosen by Margaret Thatcher. "Mr Major believes that British pictures are fitting for the residence of the British Prime Minister," said his office. A Corot landscape is one of the few remaining paintings by foreign masters at number 10.

Mr Major has brought in two pictures related to his beloved cricket a portrait of W.G. Grace by Archibald Wortley from the National Portrait Gallery and An Exact Representation of the Game of Cricket, after a 1760 Louis Boitard engraving. The Prime Minister's favourite picture at Number 10 is Richard Bonington's La Côte Normande of 1820 which he described as "full of light from the sky and sea - almost like having an extra window in the room". Mr Blair has a love of

Post-Impressionist and Brit-ish art, his office said. The works of the Renaissance artist Piero della Francesca would be top of his list. His office said that he "admires Piero's paintings for their strength, humanity and depth of feeling", and he named as particular favourites Piero's
Nativity and The Baptism of
Christ, which hang in the National Gallery.

His office provided a list of





other Blair loves, including works by Vermeer, Goya, and Picasso in his Blue period, and the Cézanne landscapes in the Courtauld. He owns paintings by the 20th century British artists Richard Eurich, C. R. W. Nevinson and Sir Frank Brangwyn. Paddy Ashdown was the

only one of the main party leaders to single out a favourite artist, naming Botticelli.

Peter Freedman, Editor of Mag, said that political analysts might wish to study the choices. While Edward Heath, the man who took us into Europe, borrowed French art from the National Gallery for Downing Street, Euro-sceptics may find it hearten-ing that John Major has virtually stripped the walls of foreign art." He added that it was difficult to know how to interpret Mr Major's surprisingly avant-garde tastes. Whether this reflects a hidden side to his character or the influence of artistic spin doc

tors is hard to say. "There is a strong religious flavour to Blair's selection so a Blair election victory could mean W. G. Grace out, Jesus in," Mr Freedman added. There is so little to choose between the policies of the main parties on issues like the economy and foreign affairs that it is a relief finally to have some clear-cut basis for deciding how to vote."

Princess libel is blamed on forgery

By ALAN HAMILTON

A NEWSPAPER promised yesterday to find out the motive behind a forgery that led to its false report that Diana, Princess of Wales, intended to keep half the proceeds from the forthcoming charity auction of 80 of her evening dresses.

The Princess has accepted a substantial out-of-court settlement from The Express. Last week she issued a writ for libel. Yesterday's issue carried a front-page apology, claiming that the paper had been mis-led by a forgery. It said that it had paid a "substantial" sum to the Princess but would not confirm reports that the amount was £75,000.

In its story, which originated in America, The Express claimed to have seen contract documents relating to the sale which showed that only half the money raised by the Christie's auction in New York would go to charity. The sale is expected to make up to £4 mil-

Richard Addis, the Editor of the newspaper, who was named in the writ, said yesterday: "We are pleased that we have settled matters with the Princess. All sides have agreed that there will be no further

In its Opinion column inside the paper, The Express said: "As can sometimes happen, we were unwittingly decrived by an elaborate forgery. We are now consulting lawyers about our next course of action against those who were responsible for it. We are determined to discover what was the motivation behind the

New moon heralds comet of century

By NIGEL HAWKES

ONE of the great comets of the century will be visible in the evening sky next week. Astronomers are uncertain how bright Cornet Hale-Bopp will appear, but so far it is following predictions and is steadily increasing in brightness as it approaches the Sun.

The best time to observe the comet is after the next new Moon on Sunday. Hitherto Hale-Bopp has been visible just before dawn, but later this month it will be visible just after sunset on the northwestem horizon.

Hale-Bopp is the third brightest comet seen since 1400. But its closest approach to the Earth, on March 22, will be 122 million miles, much further away than last year's cornet, Hyakutake, which came within 9.3 million miles. That means it will not be

sensationally bright, but should be as bright as the brightest stars, making it visible with the naked eye even from towns. It will be visible until at least May.

Hale-Bopp was discovered on July 23, 1995, by Alan Hale, a space scientist in New Mexico, and Thomas Bopp, an amateur astronomer in Arizona. They both reported a fuzzy spot in the constellation Sagittarius, and within hours the International Astronomical Union had named the comet

after them. Nobody is sure how large Hale-Bopp is, but studies using the Hubble Space Telescope suggest it is about 25 miles in diameter. Halley's Cornet is a quarter the size

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7. Defence

Forces may be in for new round of upheaval

PUBLIC pride in the Armed Forces and support for a strong national defence are among this country's most enduring political facts, barely affected either by the end of the Cold War or by the greater readiness to question other national institutions such as the monarchy. the law or even the Church. No matter how firmly voters insist that health and education are their priorities, they still punish political parties which they suspect of a cavalier attitude to defence.

Until this year, defence has been a stretch of clear blue water where Conservative supremacy was never in doubt. Between 1983 and 1992, the gap stayed almost constant despite Labour's abandonment of its commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament in 1988 (see chart below). With Labour Party conferences still demanding that Trident be scrapped and defence spending cut back to the West European average, and with left-wing revolts in Parliament against the defence estimates, Neil Kinnock protested

unilateralism symbolised a generally more robust posture.

If the gap has finally narrowed, it is, worryingly for the Tories, for the interesting reason that 43 per cent of voters now say they are not sure. Is this because defence has become almost a non-issue? Or is it because new Labour, most of whose Shadow Cabinet are former supporters of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, has succeeded in changing its public profile? Since 1992, when David Clark became Shadow Defence Secretary, Labour has tried to blunt the Tory sword by broadly supporting government defence policy. Mr Clark claims that "on a whole range of things

there is now consensus". Yet in recent weeks, the dog that appeared safely asleep has begun to stir. If it defies expectations by sitting up and barking during the election campaign, however, it will be thanks less to Michael Portillo than to Tony Blair. Last month, the Labour leader unexpectedly drove a tank into Tory territory, berating

reduction in our military capability since the war", involving steep manpower cuts to the Army, Navy and Air Force and the loss of "vital high-tech skills" in the defence industry, which had shed 190,000 jobs since 1990. The result, he said, was that Britain could no longer mount a Falklands-type operation and was unlikely to be able to repeat its performance in the 1991 Gulf War. He promised "our servicemen and women, overstretched and under strength as never before", that a Labour government would provide them with "strong leadership and a coherent strategy for modernisation".

The military has, as the next article records, been through such a traumatic downsizing and reorg-anisation since 1990 that Mr Blair's words will strike a chord with many in the Services, where mo-rale and recruitment have been badly affected. The criticism that Tory policy has been Treasury-driven rather than strategy-led is shared by a number of senior commanders. But Mr Blair's decision to take the offensive could

expose Labour to Tory counter-

attacks which it is ill-equipped to At the personal level, Mr Blair was rash to single out the Falk-lands War. He was not even an MP then and his views on defence have changed; but at the time, he is on record as saying that "given the starkness of the military option, we

need to compromise on certain

things" and that Britain's position

should not be determined by the

wishes of the Falkland Islanders. Labour has half-protected its flank on the nuclear issue by committing itself to the fourth Trident nuclear-armed submarine: but it intends to seek a multilateral "no first use" accord. This, the Tories charge, would negate Tri-dent's deterrent effect. At the broad policy level, it is risky for the Opposition to attack spending cuts which it says it has no intention of reversing. Since Mr Blair contends

that the Tory defence cuts have resulted in "a damaging gap between commitments and resources", it follows that under a Labour government something would have to give.

Above all, the Conservatives will challenge Labour to explain how its promise to the Services of a "period of stability" is compatible with its pledge to conduct a strategic defence review. Unless it amounts to a comprehensive reassessment of Britain's interests, commitments and capabilities, the exercise is pointless. A grand strategic rethink is what Labour, which criticises the Tories for incoherent, short-term cost-cutting, has promised. But that would expose the Armed Forces to further uncertainty, followed by more unsettling "modernisation". Mr Clark insists that Labour

does not see this review as a costcutting exercise, and Mr Blair has promised to keep to current spending plans for two years. But if Labour concluded that Britain should reduce either its commitpressure on the defence budget would - legitimately - start to mount the day after the review's publication. John Reid, Mr Clark's funior colleague, says that Labour will honour every defence contract signed by the Government, including the Westland EH101 helicopter and the Challenger II tank. But this

has yet to be confirmed by Mr Blair, Mr Clark or the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown. Mr Clark does say that the review could have "painful conse-quences". Labour declines to spell these out, saying that it does not want to prejudge the review's conclusions. Some of the few commitments it has made, such as the earmarking of troops and equipment to a United Nations standby force, could be expensive - and add to the Forces overstretch that Labour criticises. That would make Britain's £15 billion involvement in the Eurofighter project a temptingly large target; Britain has already invested heavily in Eurofighter development, but the actual order

£8 billion, is not due until next year. Steep cuts could be in store. Academic advisers such as Bradford University's Malcolm Chal-mers say that Britain could reduce force levels over the next six years as much as it has since 1990, cutting the defence budget from 28 per cent to 2 per cent of GDP - but that to win public assent for this, "it will be important not to make large additional defence cuts in the first two years of a new government". This is not realistic cuts on this scale would leave an army of 78,000, just enough to cover North-ern Ireland, the UK and a tiny bit of gendarmerie around the world. Only a handful of left-wing MPs would vote for that; but this does not mean that defence will not come under enormous pressure as Labour struggles to stay within Conservative spending targets. One key difference between the Tories and Labour is that a Tory Defence Secretary must always watch his back in the Commons; Labour backbenchers will never resist defence cuts as Tories would.

Tories made mistakes but had the right idea

THE Armed Forces felt the impact of Tory radicalism later than most British departments of state. The lesson Margaret Thatcher drew from Sir John Nott's ill-starred strategic review in 1981, which ordered a dramatic reduction in naval power only months before the Falklands War, was that the only safe military strategy for Britain was to be prepared for the unexpected. Between 1979 and 1985, the defence budget rose as a proportion of GDP, from 4.5 per cent to 5.3 per cent. That was partly a response to US demands for greater European burden-sharing: but it was also true that for most of the 1980s the situation in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union was, as she argued, too fluid to risk cuts in defence. But when the axe was

finally taken out of the cupboard in 1990, it cut deep. Options for Change was not presented as a strategic review. That was true in the sense that it was a tightening and rebalancing more than a radical rethinking. It did recognise, ahead of most Western countries, that the reduced Soviet threat implied a shift from huge static armies in Central Europe to more mobile, flexible forces. But although Options reduced manpower and cut the budget by 12 per cent, its working assumption was that increased commitments elsewhere would more than offset the diminished threat in Europe and that reorganisation must leave adequate spare capacity to

deal with the unexpected. The unexpected was not slow to materialise. In the 1991 Gulf War, the British Army of the Rhine had to be cannibalised to equip Britain's armoured division for Operation Granby. The lesson was that if Britain wanted first-class fighting formations within existing budgets, it would have to

CONSERVATIVES

commitments: British division to stay in Germany. British

Gays: no change planned in the rule banning gays from the

Nato: support for enlargement and a new deal with Russia

but without allowing Moscow a veto over bringing new

members into the alliance. Totally opposed to the European

United Nations: continuing support for the UN as the main

forum for authorising peacekeeping efforts but against earmarking troops and a standing UN army.

Arms exports: will continue to promote arms exports but

with strict licensing system to stop sales to maverick regimes. Hawk sales to Indonesia to go ahead.

pillar of Nato being linked to the European Union.

committed to Bosnia operation for another 18 months.

THE RECORD

shed manpower and reorganise. The new motto: smaller, but vastly better equipped.

There followed the most farreaching attempt to remodel British defence since Labour abandoned Britain's commitments east of Suez. In retrospect, the most important sentence in Options was the seemingly innocuous pledge keep Britain's military strength under constant re-

view in the light of circumstances. The 1991 Defence White Paper announced cuts in overall manpower of a fifth over five years - most controversially, for Tory backbenchers, by cutting the number of infantry battalions from 55 to 36. By pulling the RAF out of Germany and more than halving the British Army of the Rhine, it also cut the range of commitments — by 1995, 90 per cent of the RAF and three quarters of the Army were to be home-based. Nato simultaneously developed its New Strategic Concept; and the important Nato decision in May 1991 that gave Britain command of the new multi-nation Rapid Reaction Corps speeded the switch to more mobile and flexible formations.

The Government promised no further reductions. But with British defence spending still well above the Nato and European average, the Treasury kept the MoD in its sights. In 1993, in an effort to prove that there was no more peace dividend to be cashed, the MoD presented a detailed breakdown of costs which matched each major item of equipment to the relevant military task, marrying resources, capability and commitments. An unconvinced Treasury extracted a further £1 billion in cuts, which bore down on equipment because the deployment of 5,000 Brit-

Nuclear deterrence: a four-boat

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Strategy: stability promised after

large-scale cuts. Guarantee of no

more reductions in frontline forces.

Increasing expenditure on equipment.

Commitments: no plan to reduce



ish troops in Bosnia had so seriously overstretched Army manpower that planned strength had to be revised upward. The really radical foray into the defence budget

was, however, yet to come.

Frontline First, the 1994 Defence Cost Study, searched every cranny of Services practice. The laudable aim was to offset both the 1992-96 cuts and the further savings of £750 million a year thereafter demanded by the Treasury, by eliminating waste in military support services to extract better value for the Services as a fighting force.

This inquisition turned the Services inside out, radically questioning entrenched meth ods of operation. It targeted not only desk jobs and civilian manpower, but support services such as special military hospitals, schools, transport and the military's antiquated inventory systems. Surplus MoD property and landholdings, including some bases, were marked for disposal. Much of this tail had grown during the decades of a massive British presence in Germany; and findings justified the contention that Defence could safely adopt many of the "best practice" methods

found in civilian industry. To improve operational readiness and frontline effectiveness, the first genuinely tri-service permanent joint headquarters was created at Northwood. It commands the Joint Rapid Deployment Force, one of the most important results of Frontline First; based around 3 Commando and 5 Airborne Brigades, it is intended to project military power rapidly over long distances.

The bargain struck with the military was that a good part of these savings would be ploughed into improved weaponry — and that this would be the last government foray into its broom-cupboard. Thereafter, force levels would be held stable. The 1994 Defence White Paper explicitly stated: "There will be no cuts to our front line, even if our commit-ments reduce." This pledge was sorely needed: between 1992 and 1996, the Services shed 90,000 jobs, two thirds of them military. It made sense to strip out duplication and create thinner and more rational command structures, particularly near the apex of the pyramid. Above all, the reforms enabled spending on major equipment to rise by 15

per cent between 1995 and

2000. But there were mistakes along the way.

The impact on morale and motivation had been severe. By 1996, recruitment had fallen off so badly that the Army, 5,000 below strength, had to resort to such emergency measures as re-enlistment bonuses for ex-soldiers, retention bonuses for highly skilled troops applying for early release and bounties for soldiers who recruited a friend. Many recruiting offices, which should never have been closed, were reopened. And where the public was concerned, insensitive handling of the cuts left the image of squaddies getting their redundancy slips while

making a magnificent job of tough assignments in Bosnia. In such a massive overhaul of Britain's military capabilities, critics can find plenty of ammunition - but not enough to justify Labour's sweeping charge that the Tories have bungled the post-Cold War readjustment. In common with its Nato allies, Britain has yet to develop a convincing defence strategy against the growing threat from ballistic missiles, which may soon be possessed by 35 non-Nato countries. There has been dramatic progress in AngloFrench defence co-operation. but on procurement, there is an obvious need for more

European collaboration although Labour may underestimate the extent to which this is bedevilled by the determination of each country to skew orders for the sake of jobs and the problems engendered by France's failures to rationalise its defence industry. Recruitment levels have recovered since last year but still cause concern. The overall record is still

creditable. Since 1989, past theories of defence and deterrence have been in the melting pot. With the flexibility built into the "rolling review" concept, Britain has moved faster than most to adapt strategy, update missions, improve mobility and firepower and develop an integrated military doctrine for all three services. The military now needs time to implement these huge changes. But politicians seek power in order to change things. If Labour comes to power after 18 years in opposition, that is the truism against which Blair's promise of "stability" will have to be measured.

> Next week: Scotland

LABOUR



Nuclear deterrence: Trident to carry no more warheads than Polaris (48) and to be included at appropriate time in strategic arms reduction

Strategy: six-month review to reassess essential security interests and match resources to commitments. Says this is not a cost-cutting exercise.

Commitments: Labour is convinced that after manpower cuts the Armed Forces are now over-committed. Has not said what could be dropped but the British division in Germany is a likely target.

Gays: no change without the support of Service chiefs.

Nato: supports enlargement "in parallel" with steps to include Russia in wider security framework. Opposed to a European army but backs the Western European Union as European arm of Nato.

United Nations: British troops and equipment to be earmarked for UN missions; wants stronger UN earlywarning capacity and UN centre for conflict prevention.

Arms exports: more stringent controls. No arms sales to regimes that might use them for repression or international aggression. Does not oppose Hawk sales to Indonesia.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



Nuclear deterrence: deploy minimal nuclear force for defensive purposes only. Trident to have as many, but no more, warheads than Polaris.

Strategy: maintain defence spending in real terms (ie. declining as proportion of GDP). Be prepared to spend more if European security is threatened. More use of reserve forces.

Commitments: full review. Current emphasis on British-led armour-based Nato Rapid Reaction Corps in Germany "misguided".

Gays: would lift ban on gays as part of overall policy to abolish discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Nate: would support common security through Nate; but more co-operation at EU and UN level. Make units such as the Rapid Reaction Corps interoperable with the Eurocorps formed by Germany and France.

United Nations: supports creation of permanent peacekeeping force comprising contingents from member states assigned on annual basis and available at short notice.

Arms exports: wants greater control of arms trade by UN and EU. Parliament to scrutinise exports of arms and dualuse technology; control sales to undemocratic countries.

■ MICHAEL PORTILLO

Age: 43 Education: Harrow; hist-

ory at Cambridge. Experience: 1976-84: Conservative Research department and special adviser roles in Energy, Trade and Industry and Exchequer. MP for Enfield Southgate since 1984; Whips' Office, DHSS, Transport, DoE, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Employment Secretary; Defence Secretary since 1995.

Politics: Eurosceptic standard-bearer for younger generation of Tory Right; did not challenge Major in 1995 but hat would be in the ring if Tories lose election.

■ DAVID CLARK

Age: 57

Politics: moderate; keen en-



Whitehall undermined by political errors of judgment, notably "who dares wins" speech at 1995 party conference, which greatly of-

Education: Windermere Grammar: economics, Manchester; PhD in management, Sheffield.

Experience: MP for Colne Valley 1970-74, and South from defence frontbench team over unilateralism in 1981 but stayed on front bench, moving to environment and, in 1987, to agriculture; defence since summer 1992.

vironmentalist. Enthusiast for greater EU defence cooperation short of giving the EU "a military competence". Prepared to reduce



or cut commitments that other Nato allies can cover. Performance: hardly a Labour flyer. No expert on defence, but assiduous. Has denounced MoD as the "ministry of waste".

WHAT THEV SAID

Labour like to reduce our

Armed Forces to the armed wing of Oxfam. Michael Portillo, Feb 1997

Any talk about a greater European defence identity European defence identity must be based on European

Michael Portillo, Feb 1997 Our Services should not be subject to the same lack of coherent strategy and pilling on of new demands which has been the hallmark of the

ent Government's policles in recent years. Tony Blair. Feb 1997

Labour's defence review will be a blueprint for the future of our Armed Forces. But it will not be set in

David Clark, Oct 1996 People should not be discharged from the military simply on the basis that they're gay.

DEFENCE

HOW THE PARTIES RATE

Con Lab LibDem Don't know

David Clark, May 1996

THE FACTS - ARE

The Armed Forces as of April 1997: Navy, 46,000; Army, 110,000; RAF, 57,000. Planned strength, 1999; Navy, 46,400; Army, 114,000; RAF, 56,000.

☐ Budget in constant (1994) prices: 1996-97: £20.29bn; 2.8 per cent of CIDP (EU Nato average, 2.3 per cent); 1998-99: E20.26bn (2.7 per cent of GDP). Of current budget, £9.05bn (more than 40 per cent) is spent on

Missions: to ensure the security of the UK and dependent territories, including support to civil authority as in Northern Ireland; to contribute to Nato and WEU new mis-

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sions, including military assistance and training; to provide military assistance in support of international order and humanitarian principles; to contribute forces in event of serious conflict outside Nato area which could seriously threaten British interests or affect European or international security; to respond to limited regional crisis or conflict involving a Nato ally that seeks assistance under Nato's Article 5; general war - to provide forces required to counter a largescale attack against Nato.

☐ The defence industry directly and indirectly employs 360,000 people.

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Ignorance is blamed for drugs teaching failure

EDUCATION EDITOR

LESSONS designed to prevent the misuse of drugs are ineffective in many secondary schools because the pupils know more about the subject than their teachers, inspectors report today.

Two studies by Ofsted, the Office for Standards in Education, paint a picture of young children's growing exposure many to drugs. The 14-th age group is identified as the most likely to take illegal drugs but the inspectors report increasing concern about the involvement of children younger than ten.

Although primary schools' basic teaching about drugs is highly commended by Ofsted. even before children enter their teens teachers struggle to answer their questions. Only a quarter of secondary school teachers received training in drug education last year, and the inspectors find that many lack the necessary knowledge and skills to deliver lessons

Youth services found misuse crossing social, ethnic and gender groups, especially where alcohol was concerned.

since many parents do not realise how strong they are. In one incident, a 16-year-

old girl was found unconscious on a beach after drinking two bottles of an alcopop, which had an alcohol content of more than 12 per cent. Drug misuse was an accepted

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rural counties, market towns, coastal ports and, to a lesser extent, in the vicinity of military bases. After alcohol, cannabis was the most commonly used drug, sometimes with the consent of parents. Ecstasy and LSD were also popular, although in the London borough

of Southwark some teenagers

now considered Ecstasy old-

fashioned and were moving

on to crack cocaine and her-

social problems out of school. "Some young people are seriously criminalised by their involvement caught up in situations from which they find it

> reluctant to expel pupils over drug incidents, unless they are persistent offenders or dealers. Ofsted says. Although the number of exclusions rose last year, those for drug-related offences did not

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cern, as it is associated with a

rapid growth of a violent sub-

culture in which the use of

firearms is increasingly com-

mon. However, even soft

drugs could lead to escalating

Inspectors still consider some schools too quick to exclude pupils over drugs, however. "Such schools fail to consider sufficiently carefully the educational and social development of the pupil con-

So-called alcopops were a oin. The increase in the use of cerned and the impact of the particular problem, especially crack cocaine is of great con-exclusion on the pupil, as well as on others.

Government advice to schools issued in 1995 suggested that the police should be informed when pupils were found with drugs, but exclusion should not be automatic. Schools were encouraged to develop a repertoire of responses, including counselaccording to the circumstances of each case.

The Department for Education and Émployment is publishing a 55-page guide to drug education today to coincide with Ofsted's reports. The booklet describes l6 successful projects run by local authorities, including one on the Isle of Wight which takes prisoners into schools to describe their experiences.

The inspectors' report was welcomed by Release, which set up a "drugs in schools" helpline three years ago. Mike Goodman, its director, said: We would endorse the conclusions. The report gives a much-needed boost to the thinking that responding to drug use centres on education. prevention and working with young people.'



Clive Froggatt plans to warn doctors, bankers, politicians and the media of the consequences of addiction

Heroin doctor draws on experience

By ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A FAMILY doctor who was an architect of the Tory health reforms, and who was convicted of heroin offences in 1994, returns to work for the first time today at the addic-

tion centre that treated him. Clive Froggatt. 48. a key adviser to four successive

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Health Secretaries, including Kenneth Clarke and Virginia Bottomley, has been appoint-ed director of public relations at Promis (problem related medical information system) based in a Victorian mansion

in the Kent countryside. He was suspended from the medical register after after being convicted at Bristol Crown Court of obtaining

heroin by deception after forg-ing prescriptions. He was also given a 12-month suspended ail sentence.

The former secretary of the Conservative Medical Society will use his new role to speak about addiction to schools. City bankers, doctors, the media and MPs. He will return to Westminster, where he was once feted by Cabinet ministers, to speak to private meetings of backbench MPs.

"Addiction, whether it is to drugs, alcohol, or eating, is the biggest cause of illness and disease." Dr Froggatt said last night. "It is also the biggest cause of crime." He said that it was important that

The father of two grown-up children is living in a bunga-low on the Promis estate. He returns to his wife, Paula, and weekends. He has been unemployed for almost three years and is writing his autobiography. He was also hired as a medical adviser on a new Hollywood film about drug abuse. Eves Wide Shut, directed by Stanley Kubrick and starring Torn Cruise and Nicole Kidman. It was filmed in Britain and features Cruise as a doctor who helps to cure Kidman of drug addiction.

Dr Froggatt spent six months at the Promis unit at Canterbury, which is modelled on the 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous programme, and was an out-patient one day a week for a year. He left a month ago. He now describes himself as "clean" but each day is part of the process of recovery. Coming off is the easy part. Staying off them is

Lifeboat sails to a proud welcome

By Paul Wilkinson

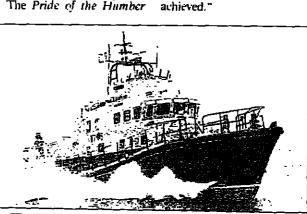
A LIFEBOAT with the latest had been scheduled to go on in sophisticated equipment enters service this week on the only station in the British Isles that has a full-time crew.

The £1.3 million Pride of the Humber has been funded from an appeal begun in north-east England in 1994. The 17metre Severn Class vessel will be based at Spurn Point in the Humber estuary.

knots faster than the current 16-metre Arun class boat. It is equipped with laser chart plotters, satellite navigation and closed-circuit television so that the aft rescue deck can be watched from the wheelhouse. The vessel's construction allows it to right itself. should it capsize in heavy seas.

station last October but problems with blistering on the ultra-light but ultra-tough fibre-reinforced outer skin of the hull caused delays. The appeal was one of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's biggest fundraising efforts. and extra interest was created

after coverage in The Times. Brian Bevan, the coxswain, With a maximum speed of and his crew will sail from for a welcome ceremony in Grimsby on Saturday. Christine Goodall, of the RNLL said: "The people of the North East have been outstandingly generous. I hope when they see the boat arriving they will feel proud of their efforts. The name certainly describes how I feel about what has been



The RNLI's Pride of the Humber cost £1.3 million

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Results of Voting on Conversion Resolutions

The following are the results of the voting on the Investing Members' Special Resolution and the Borrowing Members' Resolution at the Special General Meeting of the Society held on 21th February 1997 at the Sheffield Arena, as reported by the Serutineers, KPMG.

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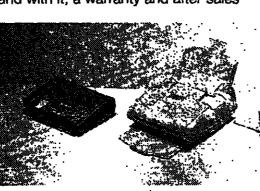
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Charities accused of exaggerating child prostitution

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

CHARITIES are being accused of exploiting child prostitution in an increasingly aggressive battle for donations from the public. Social services directors say fundraisers are exaggerating the problem.

The dispute has become so bitter that social services have refused to contribute a chapter to a Children's Society book that will be the centrepiece of the first national conference on child prostitution on Thursday. The conference will be chaired by the broadcaster Anna Raeburn and feature a keynote speech by Allan Levy. OC. an expert on children's

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The Children's Society was criticised last week for its publicity leaflets for the London conference, which show palm trees and the words, "Why travel six thousand miles to have sex with children when you can do it in Bournemouth / Leeds / Manchester/Britain?" Included is a form for credit card donations that states: "Whatever you can give will help children escape from the nightmare of child prostitution."

The police, the health service, schools and the law have all contributed chapters to the book. Child Prostitution in Britain, edited by David Barrett, the head of professional social studies at Luton

University. Robin SeQueira, former president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, said: "We still are a society where children are valued and we are beginning to suggest that that isn't the case. We must have a sense of balance. We mustn't get into the mindset where we see child

abuse and child prostitution lurking around every corner.

The messages are unduly alarmist and pessimistic and much shriller than they were a decade ago. Charities are having to work much harder to attract the same volume of funds than before the National Lottery. There is a tendency to exploit with shock tactics in order to raise funds."

The prostitution campaigns began at a time when, according to one insider, there was a "state of panic" about the effect of the lottery, which some predicted would cost charities a third of their income.

Rival organisations portrayed themselves as pioneers in the field of child prostitution, issuing publicity material including harrowing stories about grim childhoods wrecked by adult pimps and paedophiles

In 1995, the Children's Society issued a report, The Game's Up, calling for child prostitutes to be treated as



Goodrich: seeks backing

victims of abuse instead of being cautioned and convicted as criminals. In February 1996, five rival charities including the NSPCC but excluding the Children's Society - published a study, Splintered Lives, calling for

the same reforms.
In August 1996, Barnardo's announced that its "Streets and Lanes" project in Bradford had discovered 12year-old girls selling sex. At a media launch, a child actress read the story of "Beth", beginning: "When I was nine years old I was raped ..." It went on to tell how she became a prostitute at 14.

Michael Jarman, the director of child care at Barnardo's, denied exaggerating the prob-lem of child prostitution: "It actually may be rife. It certainly is more widespread than people realise."

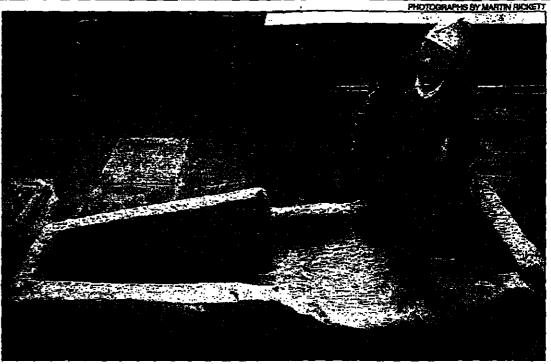
Philip Goodrich, a former Bishop of Worcester, who chairs the Children's Society, said: "Inevitably we do hope that people will see that we are on to the good and important issues and that we need the backing to do this."

Helen Dent, chief executive of the Family Welfare Association, said charities had to use crisis images because the public failed to respond to appeals based on pictures of happy

"Social services directors want charities to raise money on the strength of jolly, happy children smiling on the way to the seaside. It's all right for them, the money comes out of the trees from central government. But charities have to raise money. Barnardo's has a fundraising target of £50 mil-



A window depicting St Werburgh



Simon Ward with the stone coffin thought to have contained Chester's first abbott

Saxon discoveries vindicate digging up cathedral floor

By Russell Jenkins

DIGGING up Chester cathedral's flagstone floor to instal heating, which had been con-demned by architectural historians, is yielding a series of Anglo-Saxon relics. Archaeologists are pressing on for the biggest prize, the bones of a 7th century princess

Their excavations have revealed a Saxon wall and a magnificent stone coffin thought to have contained the remains of the first Abbot of St Werburgh's, Richard of Bec, who died in 1116. The sixstrong team, which has so far dug down one foot into the sandy debris, has also found a huge number of graves, bones and artefacts. They prove the existence of a Saxon minster on the site. which had been known only from documents.

The diggers believe the bones of St Werburgh may have been buried under the 220-year-old floor to evade destruction. One of the early English royal abbesses and revered for ensuring healthy pregnancies, she was the daughter of King Wulfhere of Mercia. Born in AD 650, she renounced the

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has been the Saxon wall. A stretch world on the death of her father. of it is now temporarily visible at retreated to a convent in Elv and the northeast corner of the founded monastic houses over cathedral.

which she presided. Her biographer, the monk Goscelin, recounted in 1100 how she was said to have resuscitated a wild goose that had been killed by a servant. Her body was buried at Hanbury, Staffordshire, but was later moved to Chester to place it beyond the reach of marauding

For centuries the bones of St Werburgh, the cathedral's guardian saint, drew pilgrims from all over the country to the minster, where a shrine was built to house the relics. The shrine was destrayed during Henry VIII's

reign.
The saint's memory lives on in the cathedral in an elaborate shrine built about 1340 and in

representations in stained glass. In a trench in the southeast corner of the cloister, the archaeologists found the stone coffin believed to be that of Richard of Bec. But the most significant find so far of the excavations, which

will continue for several months.

Simon Ward, the senior archaeologist on the site, said: "We have always known from historical documents that there was a Saxon church in the vicinity, but until now we have had no opportunity to search. To find the wall section

is very exciting.
"It is probably the only opportu-nity in our lifetime to work in the cathedral, because the floor which is now being replaced has been there for 200 years and the new floor is going to be there for a similar length of time." The Dean of Chester, the Very

Rev Stephen Smalley, said: "The discovery of what could be real evidence of a Saxon minster on the site of the cathedral validates the link between the earliest Christians in Chester and the

worshippers of the present day.
"It is both humbling and exciting to be reminded in this way of the fact that God has been worshipped on our site for over

Drinking while pregnant is safe

THE report of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists on alcohol and pregnancy will come as a great relief to most pregnant women, many of whom have been terrified by stories of the consequences of drinking when pregnant. Some women have spent 40 weeks worrying that the drinks at the dinner party they attended before they knew they were pregnant, or even the alcohol they had at about the time of conception, might have resulted in a child with foetal alcohol syndrome.

All prospective mothers can now sleep happily in the knowledge that normal social drinking while pregnant, or

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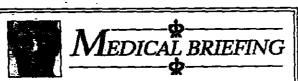
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intending to conceive, will not cause them to give birth to a child with the syndrome. Mothers should avoid excessive drinking and should keep to a good diet including folic supplements. which

should be taken when concep-tion is planned. The foetal alcohol syndrome results in a

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factors, of which an excessive alcohol intake is the most important. However, the syndrome is rare unless the alcoholism is also associated with adverse circumstances. It is much more common in inner cities and in the malnourished: surveys have shown that it is linked to poverty. In a study of nearly 400,000 well-nourished American women who had taken alcohol when pregnant, not one case of foetal alcohol syndrome was uncovered.

More alarming for heavy social drinkers is the possibility of the foetal alcohol affect. Foetuses conceived by heavydrinking mothers are more likely to miscarry, are smaller at birth, do not thrive so well initially and are poor suckers whether from the bottle or the breast. It is claimed that even at primary school age, children of heavy-drinking mothers are less intelligent and integrate less well with their peers. It is known that the combination of smoking and alcohol makes the foetal alco-

hol effect more likely. One piece of good news for pregnant women who enjoy a glass of wine or two, but no more, with their dinner was that research reported in 1995 shows that babies born to light drinkers were slightly heavier than those born to teetotallers.

More time to dither on lottery

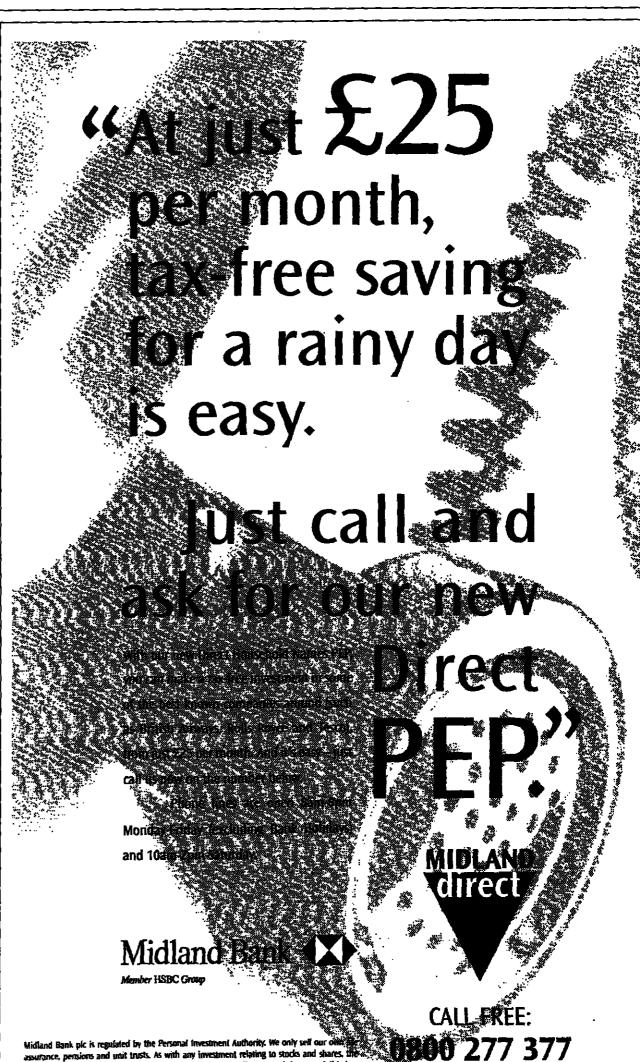
GAMBLERS now have two hours to change their lottery numbers after they have bought their ticket.

Lottery retailers were informed that the time allowed for customers to change their mind was being extended from 15 minutes in the trade magazine Jackpot in January, but there was no public announcement.

The time limit was extended when the Wednesday draw began because Camelot anticipated it would lead to more problems with tickets. A spokeswoman for Camelot said: "We did not feel it was necessary to tell the public. In the past they had to call a retail hotline to cancel a ticket within 15 minutes.

"We felt that during the mid-week draw they may not have had time to go through the procedure. We decided it would be beneficial to give them that little bit more time to deal with it."

Winning numbers, page 24





TO MEME

New realism should ensure Brussels has last laugh over Stalin's ghost

f the shade of Stalin is lurking in the Kremlin Loday, it might by amused by the fanfare around two citizens of the Benelux countries when they call on President Yeltsin.

The shade would learn that Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister, and Jacques Santer, the Luxembourger President of the European Commission, are the current "leaders" of Europe. Observing today's summit between would-be and has-been superpowers, the shade might wonder how many divisions these European Union bosses

Of course, the Vatican had



the last laugh over Stalin's old dismissal of the Pope's military strength, but the Cold War victory came courtesy of the Nato alliance, not the Swiss Guard.

Five years ago, at Maas-

trickt, the federal dreamers set about equipping the new Union with bigger clout abroad, to be backed up eventually with the military muscle that you need for serious diplomacy. But little has changed as America prepares to lead Nato into the old Soviet bloc while the Union finds excuses to delay

its own move eastwards. Since the debacle of EU diplomacy in former Yugoslavia in the early 1990s, it has become commonplace to dismiss Brussels-made foreign policy as rhetoric and overreach. A recital of the failures masks some achievement however, and there are signs

that things are looking up. Much of the EU's foreign trouble comes from the obvious difficulty of finding a tune simple enough to be sung by 15 sovereign states.

But even when they manage, nobody seems to notice. The 15 have used their combined economic weight to forge effective links through trade and aid with the East, the Mediterranean and other

fficials complain. with some justification, that their worthy endeavours are upstaged by American showmanship. But

presentation and burdened with diplomatic machinery that could have been designed by Heath Robinson.

The common foreign and security policy is run by the EU member governments through the Council of Ministers helped by four commissioners with "foreign minister" roles. Only one of them, Sir Leon Brittan, has real clout. He negotiates for all the EU in international trade. The system works well because Brussels can drive bargains on equal terms with Washington, Tokyo and the others. Much to the irritation of the United States, the unity on trade policy is enabling

punish foreign companies trading with Cuba.

The success on trade drives the thinking behind the brighter prospects emerging as the 15 near the end of negotiation to revamp the Maastricht treaty. In a nutshell there is a new awareness of the limits to common action. Realism is taking hold. This recognises the merit of the oft-repeated refrain of Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary: "The common foreign policy will only carry weight if it represents a genuine common policy and not a majority one." In other

Europe to fight the Helms- words, the EU should act Burton law, which aims to only when everyone agrees that it is useful to do so.

> t is now broadly accepted that the veto will not be abolished, although some way will be found to allow big groups of states to pursue joint actions provided that the non-participating states do not object.

> The mood has just been starkly illustrated by Hans van den Broek, the Dutch federal-minded Commissioner for the common foreign policy. He shocked his colleagues and the smaller states by suggesting that in effect Britain, France and Germany

should run the show. Much bargaining remains before the new treaty is finished. probably in Amsterdam in June, but there is already broad agreement behind a scheme to beef up the council with a foreign policy team that will be run by the member states through a

strong secretary-general. That should allow the governments to focus on effective business and it would offer an answer to Henry Kissinger's old complaint that when he wanted to call Europe "nobody can give me the telephone number".

CHARLES BREMNER

German jobless record batters euro entry hopes

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

UNEMPLOYMENT in Germany leapt again last month 4.8 million, fuelling market and political speculation that Bonn will have to delay economic and monetary union because of its inability to meet the entry qualifications. Cabinet ministers moved quickly yesterday to rule out the possibility of postponing EMU.

Reliable leaks from the Federal Labour Office indicated that 120,000 Germans lost their jobs last month and that the unemployment rate has reached 12.5 per cent. The official figures will be announced on Thursday.

The German Government initially reckoned on average unemployment of 3.95 million for 1997 but revised this upwards to 4.1 million. If it keeps to that amended average, it stands a chance of meeting the Maastricht public deficit target of 3 per cent of gross domestic product. But with unemployment racing out of control, most economists reckon that Germany's public deficit will be closer to 3.4 per cent, well outside the range, Bonn is also viewed as unlikely to bring its total debt down to 60 per cent of GDP, and it is thus set to fail the monetary union entry test on two counts.

Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, said yesterday that Germany was sticking to its aim of entering EMU on

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January I, 1999. He pledged yet again that "the euro will be at least as hard as the German mark . . . the Government will not sacrifice a stable mark for a softer European currency.

Romano Prodi the Italian Prime Minister, predicted at the weekend that Germany was considering asking for a delay on EMU. "That's their business." he said. "It is possible, but it is not an easy thing." Italian bonds and the lira fell sharply in response to his comments

Bundesbank officials are blaming speculators, especially on the London financial markets, for the rumours of an EMU delay. Herr Kinkel took up the cudgels: "Opponents of

their irresponsible actions. Whoever is spreading this kind of speculation is deliberately counting on turbulence on the financial markets and unsettling the citizens of Europe.

Bonn, however, is having a difficult time convincing its people and the markets that it has done its sums correctly. Government planners are assuming that growth will pick up in early summer, it will head towards 2.5 per cent and the job market will improve.

The Munich-based IFO economic institute has found that German companies are becoming slightly more optimistic about prospects for the year, thanks to a new boom in the euro are continuing with export orders. But businesses

Battle over waste looms

Bonn: Tens of thousands of German anti-nuclear protesters gathered at the weekend in readiness to defy a ban on demonstrations and block the passage of six huge canisters of atomic waste heading for a burial site in the north of the country (Roger Boyes writes).

Thirty thousand policemen and border troops, the higgest deployment since the war. have been assigned to protect the radioactive load, which today will be taken from southern Germany to Gorleben in Lower Saxony. Violent clashes between the police and protesters seem

certain. The protesters enjoy broad support. Local authorities say they will turn off the water supply if the police try to use water cannon against the demonstrators.

Munich: Left-wing demonstrators threw eggs, bottles and stones at about 5,000 neo-Nazis who were protesting on Saturday against an exhibition about German army crimes committed during the

report reluctance to employ new workers and the construction industry predicts further job cuts. Big employers such as the post office are also planning to reduce jobs.

Each additional 100,000 iobs lost cost the German Treasury about DM3.5 billion (£1.3 billion). If the leaks about last month's unemployment figure are correct, a total of 670,000 jobs will have been lost in Germany since the beginning of the year.

One side-effect of rapidly rising unemployment - and the problem for EMU seems to be that Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, is edging closer to a decision on whether to run again for office next year. German newspapers say he has taken seriously political advice that uncertainty about his future is undermining

It is thought unlikely, however, that he will make a formal announcement about his intentions until after Easter when he has had a chance to talk to his family. He has recently become a grandfather and the Chancellor's wife. Hannelore, is thought to be urging him to call it a day.

One small pointer was expected last night in local council elections in Hesse. A strong showing for the Christian Democrats might be the nudge needed for the Chancellor to declare his intentions.



Shannon Marketic in Wichita where she won the Miss USA title in 1992

Former Miss USA sues Sultan over Brunei 'dance parties'

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE Sultan of Brunei is being sued by a former Miss USA who claims she was held at his palace for 32 days and expected to flirt with courtiers.

Shannon Marketic, 26, said that her passport was taken when she arrived on what she believed to be a modelling engagement. A Los Angeles talent agency had promised her \$21,200 (£13,000) a week for a six-week stint of "appearance and promotional work in the oil-rich sultanate.

Instead, claimed Miss Marketic, she and other American women were subjected to sexual demands from members of the Sultan's inner circle. She believes that she was sent to sleep by some type of gas, after which she allegedly awoke to find her

clothes in disarray. Miss Marketic is the only one to have complained from the group of foreign women who attended palace "dance parties". The Sultan, believed to be the world's richest man. had no immediate reaction to the lawsuit filed in a Los Angeles court. Miss Marketic months ago, offering to keep

for a settlement. He did not same group every night, including shipping company ex-

ecutives, doctors and a pilot.

Some behaved badly, she

claimed, groping women and

Mr Jaroslawicz said his

client was "a very attractive,

bright and religiously devout

woman. What happened in

Brunei was not the sort of

thing she had bargained for".

making vulgar remarks.

The lawsuit, at Miss Marketic's request was sealed - a ploy to keep a case out of the public domain in its early stages – but yesterday's New York Post had extensive details. Her New York-based lawyer. David Jaroslawicz. did not know how the matter had reached the press.

Miss Marketic agreed with the Kaliber talent agency to travel to Brunei, thinking her duties would be run-of-themill promotional activities. Since winning the Miss USA ntle she has been a regular at nublic events, doing good works and promoting commercial ventures.

In Brunei she was told to present herself at 10pm seven nights a week at a discotheque party room in the Sultan's 1,788-room palace, wearing "upscale, classy" clothes. The parties continued until 3 or 4 in the morning. A list of rules for her stay included no high heels for women over 5ft 9in and to avoid wearing denim and vellow clothes.

In a sworn statement Miss

China to increase spending on arms

RY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

CHINA plans to increase its defence spending by nearly 13 per cent as part of its programme to modernise the armed forces.

The Chinese have the largest active armed forces in the world with more than 29 million members. With its long-term plan to become a military and economic superpower. China appears determined to spend an increasing amount on defence. Last year the Chinese defence budget

rose by 11 per cent on 1995. The latest increase in expenditure followed calls by Chinese generals for more hightechnology arms and equipment to ensure that China could win regional conflicts. Liu Zhongli, the Finance Minister, forecast spending of 80.57 billion yuan (£6.5 billion) on defence this year, compared with 71.50 billion yuan (£5.7 billion) last year.

The rise of 12.7 per cent compares with plans to keep inflation to o per cent this year. Western military experts claim that the Chinese defence budget is significantly understated. The London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies estimated in its latest Military Balance assessment that Chinese defence spending in 1995 was actually about £21 billion, the same level as in Britain. This represented an 8 per cent increase on 1994.

batch of 24 Russian Su27 lighter aircraft from Russia last vear, as well as a second Kilo-class submarine.

The rise in defence spending in China and East Asia in general compares with cuts in most other regions of the

Li Peng, the Frime Minister. said at the weekend that China needed to safeguard its territorial integrity.







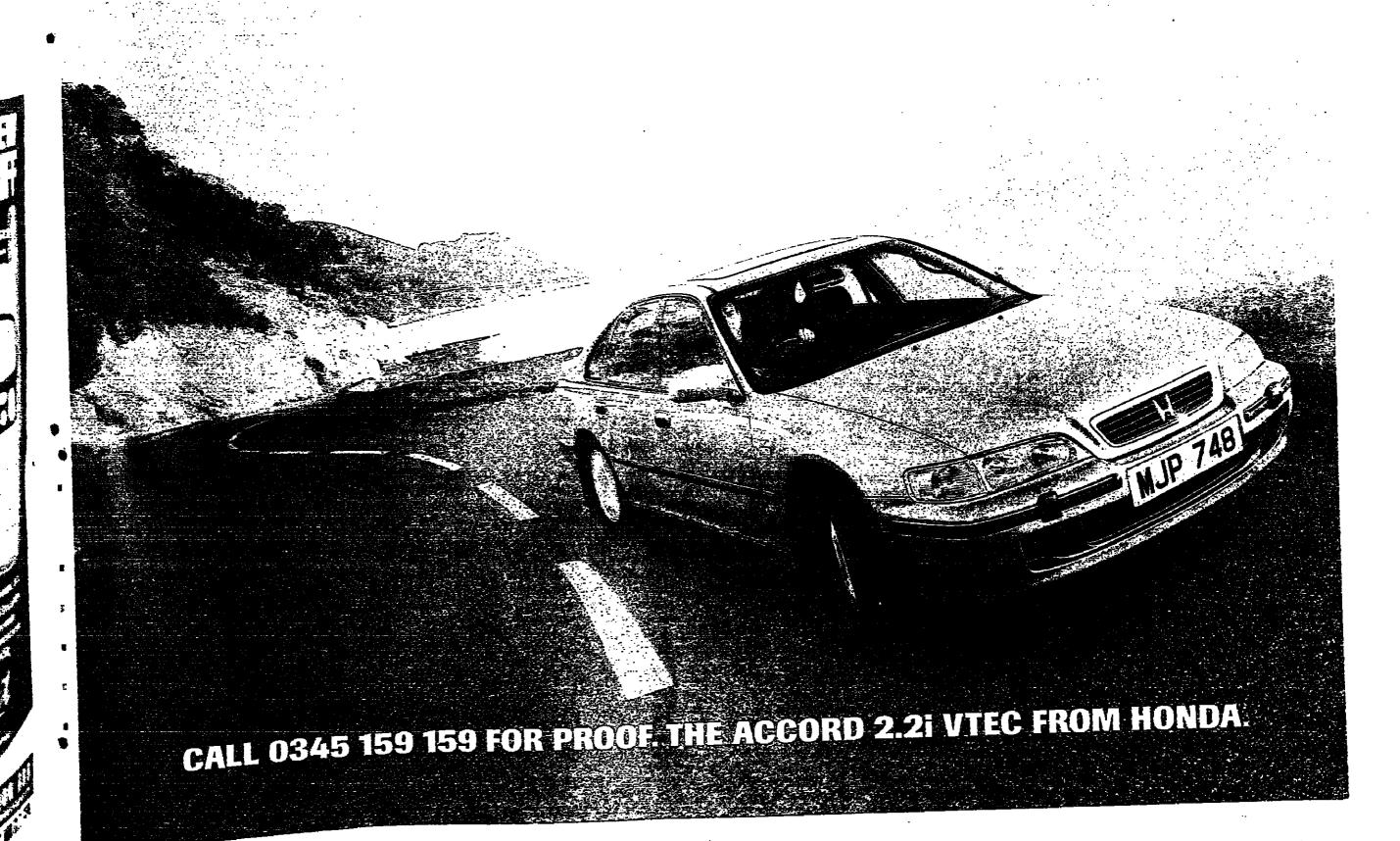


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New 'confession' puts Oklahoma bomb case at risk

THE Oklahoma City bombing case was in turmoil yesterday after a newspaper report that the suspect. Timothy McVeigh, had confessed to his defence lawyers, saying the attack was calculated to ensure a "body count" that would make his political point to the US Government.

Mr McVeigh's lawyer. Stephen Jones, denounced the account in The Dallas Morning News as a hoax by "the most irresponsible paper in the country". He said that Mr McVeigh, when told of the article, remarked: "There's a practical joker every week."

However, the paper stood firmly by its story. The editors put out the alleged confession on the paper's Internet site seven hours before the presses rolled with the print version. Mr Jones accused the paper of rushing its account into the public domain to pre-empt defence moves to win a temporary injunction against publication from Judge Richard

This is the third time a newspaper has printed a purported McVeigh confession to bombing the Oklahoma City federal building, the worst act of domestic terrorism in American history in which 168 people were killed, including and more than 500 were injured. The account is by far the most controversial, coming as it does just four weeks before the trial is due to start in Denver.

Massive media coverage of the new account will make the task of finding unbiased jurors even more difficult than before. The judge hastily called a meeting in his chambers with prosecution and defence lawyers.

The newspaper said its article was based on summaries it had examined of several interviews conducted with Mr McVeigh by an unnamed member of his defence team. He allegedly responded in chilling fashion when told that activists who shared his grudge against the Govern-ment would have viewed him as a hero if he had bombed the building at night when it would have caused far fewer casualties and not killed any

"Mr McVeigh looked directly into my eyes and told me. That would not have gotten the point across to the Government. We needed a body count to make our point." the defence team member was said to have written in the interview notes. Mr McVeigh

children in a day-care centre, allegedly described how the bomb was made with 5.400lb of ammonium nitrate fertiliser and racing fuel. The notes implicated Mr McVeigh's codefendant, Terry Nichols, in buying the fuel and also described their stealing explosives before the bombing.

Mr McVeigh was said to have dismissed conspiracy theories swirling around the case, including one that a German who stayed at a white supremacist camp in Oklahoma was connected to the bombing. Mr McVeigh also admitted having sexual inter-course with Mr Nichols's wife when her husband was at work. "He told me just mention his water bed when I spoke to her ... she would know what it meant," the notes said. If the notes are genuine,

they could not be used in evidence because they would be protected as confidential under lawyer-client privilege. Nor, seemingly, would an admission of guilt by Mr McVeigh prevent his lawyers from mounting a strong defence. Legal authorities said a lawyer's job is not to judge a client but to present the best possible case. A lawyer may not, however, knowingly make false statements.



Friends of Rocky and Nancy Watts try to salvage some of the family's belongings after a tornado - one of several sweeping across America's Southern states at the weekend swept through Randolph, Mississippi. The couple and their son survived, but at least 30 people died and about 200 were hurt mostly in Tornadoes sweep across states

storms swept away mobile homes, flattened buildings and caused downtown is gone, said Jeremy Cox. flooding. Four people were missing in rising flood waters in Ohio. One of the worst hit areas was standing out of about 60. Mike

Arkansas, as tornadoes and thunder- Arkadelphia in Arkansas where four people died. "It's horrible. The whole

Huckabee, Governor of Arkansas, said the state death toll could rise as people were buried under debris. He said Arkansas may have been hit by as many tornadoes in one day as in all of 1996. President Clinton, who is from the state, was briefed in New York while the family celebrated Chelsea Clinton's birthday. (AP)



Cousin: condemned for killing white

Briton campaigns for fresh trial of death row 'child'

AT THE ANGOLA STATE PENITENTIARY, LOUISIANA

LIFE or death for Shareef Cousin rests on whether a white woman could see clearly on a dark night in New Orleans. His world is a cell 10ft long and as wide as his arms can stretch. Down the road is the chamber where he is scheduled to die by lethal injection. He is the youngest person on death row in

Cousin, a black, was convicted at the age of 16 of killing a white man in the tourist French Quarter of New Orleans.

prisoners who inhabit the cages that serve as death row in Louisiana's Angola penitentiary, the largest US maximum security jail. Seventy per cent of inmates are black.

Angola, the setting for Dead Men Walking, the Hollywood portraval of death row, is flanked by the Mississippi and an alligator swamp. Prisoners are locked up for 23 hours a day. Life is punctuated by meals and mail, and Cousin whiles away the hours watching sport on a television outside his cage.

He has become a voracious reader, and talks of John Grisham thrillers and

his latest favourite, The Long Walk to Freedom, by Nelson Mandela. In the past he often contemplated suicide. But now Cousin has found God. "I have been inside since I was I6 and I haven't had a chance to live life. I don't really know what life is all about," he said. "Every day I think about what they are going to do to me and I always tell myself that one day it will be better, that if there was a God he wouldn't have let this happen to me. Knowing that I am innocent . . . keeps me going.

Cousin's assertion has struck a chord with Clive Stafford-Smith, a British lawyer who is appealing for a new trial.

The case hinges on the testimony of the victim's white girlfriend, Connie Babin, who told jurors she was "absolutely positive" Cousin was the assailant. Only after conviction did an anonymous police source send Cousin's former lawyer a copy of her original testimony. made three days after the murder.

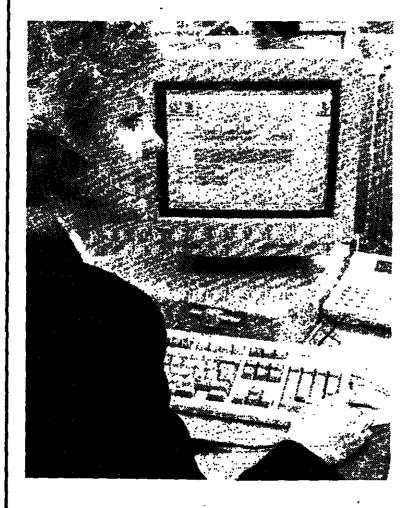
"It was dark and I did not have my contacts nor my glasses, so I'm coming at this from a disadvantage," she said You could see outlines and shapes and things that stick out."

The prosecution did not disclose this statement. Twenty black witnesses supported Cousin's alibi that he was playing Their testimony also was withheld from the court. "It was a black-on-white crime. Someone had to pay and justice was never the issue," says Dr Ros Cropper, his aunt.

Roger Jordan, the Assistant District Attorney who tried the Cousin case. maintains that the evidence in the first trial was fair. For Mr Stafford-Smith. America should abide by United Nations safeguards banning the execution of juveniles. "I don't care if Connie Babin is the Pope with 20-20 vision, it does not justify sentencing a 16-year-old child to

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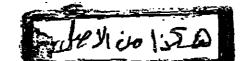
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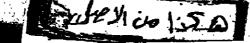
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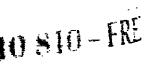
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THE PEOPLE'S JOCKEY, RIDES INTO

"I am getting old and my body is wearing out" Willie Carson on his decision yesterday to retire from race riding

"He has done the right thing to go out at the top of the tree"

Dick Hem, the trainer for whom Carson rode his most famous winners

It reflects the character of the man, that after his accident and at his age he even contemplat continuing

John Dunlop, the champion treiner who saddled 641 winners for Carson

*Carson's determination to triumph meant he put his career before everything else, including his family in the early years. be a failing as well as a blessing but as far as his supporters are concerned he will be remembered as the happy-go-lucky, wise cracking Scot the people's Jockey

Taylor leaves Liverpool with mountain to climb

Liverpool .

By ROB HUGHES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE championship of English football is not lightly won or lost by the beginning of March, but the manner in which Liverpool went down so neatly at Villa Park yesterday. and the way Newcastle United had surrendered at home against Southampton on Saturday, does now suggest that the FA Carling Premiership is Manchester United's, unless the defending champions choose to lose it.

There will, of course, be no submission, no white flag this side of Easter, yet Roy Evans, the ever honest manager of Liverpool, did say last night: Obviously, Manchester United are the bookmakers' favourites now. I would say don't write us off, but four points is already a bit of a gap and Manchester United play on Saturday [at Sunderland] and we do not play against Newcastle at Anfield until next

Monday." The gap, in other words, could be alarming by the time two of the closest pursuers get to grips. There are ten games to go and, in the marathon, there are few opportunities for those who hit the wall at three quarter distance to find their

second wind. Brian Little, the Villa manager, had opined before the kick-off yesterday: "This is a massive game - Liverpool because of the championship, ourselves looking to qualify

for Europe. If we're honest, massive games bring out the best in big-time players and whenever we have played Liverpool in the last two seasons, their strikers have come up with the goods. We'll see if our's can do so this

Not a striker by repute, but an honest toiler in the midfield. Ian Taylor proved the decisive player for that "mas-sive" opportunism. There were seven minutes remaining and the game, played on a difficult, heavily sanded and rutted pitch, had reached a level of stalemate and mediocrity that must have made viewing an absolute relaxation to the Manchester United

manager, Alex Ferguson. His own team had been marooned in sixth place when they ended the European Cup Champions League qualifying stages in November, but Ferguson had stated all along that his side would then find their range and their tempo. that winning or retaining championships was a habit. Whether that was arrogance or deep self-belief, United had by this weekend overhauled all the inconsistent pretenders

to their crown. The goal that sank Liverpool began with Townsend, on the left, in the 83rd minute. He delivered a searching, accurate, driven centre that bisected Liverpool's central defenders, Mark Wright and Matteo. Behind them, unseen. unmarked and unhurried. was Taylor and he had the composure to cushion the ball on his left thigh and the time to use his right foot to hook it

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into the net before the goalkeeper. David James, could stop him. "It was an awful blow."

Evans conceded. "When you have two teams of matching styles, you cannot afford to get caught with the extra man. Liverpool were. Both teams admitted that

their passing could have been neater, their finishing more accurate and they would not blame the wind, which though skittish was not the tempest of last week, for their troubles. At times, when the flags were limp, so was the tempo of the game, quelling the fervour of the 30 330 erowd.



Evans: realistic

In the beginning, everything had looked urgent. Three times. Mark Wright, who would be many people's choice as an England defender still. was lured out of defence and passed with alarming ease by Milosevic, Yorke and then Draper. The last of those, in the tenth minute, involved a scintillating burst of verve and pace. It was stopped by Kvarme, the Norwegian recruit from Rosenberg, who, giving an object lesson to the English in the art of defending, matched Draper for speed and then stretched out his foot to knock the ball to safety. Next, Taylor caught Barnes

dwelling on the ball. - vigour beating wisdom - but Yorke, too quick for Bjornebye and Matteo, only invited the save from James with his rising Within seconds, Collymore, clean through and aided by the impetuous way Bosnich had rushed out of his area, for

some inexplicable reason scooped the ball high over the bar. It would have been fine at Twickenham; it was so wasteful on the Villa sands. Fowler, running into Collymore, running into the

referee, seemed to have lost his direction to record his second gualless game in succession. Seven minutes before Taylor's winning goal, he, the man born to the goalscoring mantle of lan Rush, had amazingly struck the ball over the head of Bosnich and over the crossbar from only eight yards.

The fact that he had been down in London for the pop music Brit Awards with his pal. McManaman, earlier in

the week did nothing for their rhythm. McManaman was also to miss a gilt-edged opportunity . . . and a youth of 19 all but showed them the

way to perform. David Hughes, born in Wrexham, 6ft 4in and possibly still growing, came on for the injured Staunton at half-time. Within minutes, he was volubly calling Southgate and Ehiogu into position and, when he stealthily moved forward midway through his first 45 minutes of league football, he won the ball in the air from Townsend's

Cantona in control ... Lebocut's lapse Results and tables Steve McManaman 33

driven cross and headed just over the bar. A promising career was

launched, a young Welshman without fear of the future and already schooled over the past two years in Villa's chosen way of training with three central defenders. He is rightfooted, played on the left and was a member of a Villa side beating Liverpool for the first time since May 1995 ... a victory that could already have dramatically turned the championship

campaign. ASTON VILLA (3-5-2) M Bosnich — U Eniogu, S Staunton (sub D Hughes, 48mm), G Southgate — F Nelson, I Taylor, M Draper, A Townsend, A Wright — S Milosens, D Yorke.

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McRae overcomes

attempted sabotage

COLIN McRAE was fortunate to remain in the Safari Rally

in Kenya yesterday after spectators tried to sabotage his car on the sixth stage of the second day. McRae, a Scot, who led by more than eight minutes from Ian Duncan, of Kenya, in a

Toyota, after the seventh stage, lost three minutes at the

service point after the incident, which damaged his steering.

rack, broke a wishbone and caused a puncture to his

"There was a wall of stones and we hit it flat out," McRae

said. "The car jumped in the air and I thought we had taken

the whole front-end off. Luckily, we just damaged one corner

very hadly." McRae took the lead in the morning's first

stage, the fifth of the event. Armin Schwarz, of Germany, in a

Ford, the overnight leader, encountered suspension prob-

lems and slipped to fourth. Richard Burns, of Great Britain.

second until the seventh stage, dropped to third when he stopped to mend a puncture and his car fell off the jack.

England fluff lines to ruin happy ending

ham on Saturday, they ruined the fairy-tale ending that the BBC had written for its final season as the exclusive rights-holders to the five nations' championship.

Chapter one: England beat France providing a suitably triumphant note for the corporation to end its long-standing association with headquarters. Chapter two: England beat Wales in Cardiff, winning the triple crown, the grand slam and the undying gratitude of Jonathan Martin. the BBC's controller of sport. So much for fairy-tales.

After a quite outstanding game on Saturday, the BBC must answer two questions. First, does it promote the game between Scotland and France in a formight's time, the grand slam decider, to senior match

rance did not just beat throughout the United King-England at Twicken-ham on Security the junior, triple crown tussle between Wales and England? I think we all know the answer to that one.

The second question, how-ever, is more difficult. Which team will the BBC support next year? For years there has been a tacit and annoying understanding that it suits everyone living south of Hadrian's Wall and east of Offa's Dike if the BBC supports England. You only have to look at Steve Rider's face. He battles gamely on at Murrayfield, Cardiff Arms Park and Lansdowne Road, but it is only at Twickenham that his features soften into the look that can only be described as car park smug.

All that, however, has to change next year, when Sky takes over at Twickenham and



MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

the BBC - under the deal unveiled last week and anticipated in this column a month ago -- concentrates on the home games from Wales, Scotland and Ireland. It is actually a deal that suits both broadcasters. Sky gets the two games a season guaranteed to bring in new subscriptions, while, by effectively ceding the remaining games to the BBC by withdrawing its offers to the respective unions, it neatly side-steps any further fuss about monopoly. The BBC, on the other hand, gets enough

live games to secure the future of Grandstand and gets its reward for the huge improvement in its coverage in the past couple of seasons.

Sky also has work to do if it is to obtain maximum advantage from its expensive acquisition. The team that does a pretty competent job of covering the increasingly rewarding club rugby needs at least one big signing if that success is to be converted at international level. My advice would be for Sky to renew its efforts to sign John Inverdale, the

who must surely be getting sick of waiting for the BBC to turn him into the new Des Lynam or Steve Rider. Get him out of those rugby shirts la gimmick so far past its wear-by date, it defies belief) and in front of the cameras for some decent live sport.

Saturday may have brought the wrong result, but the BBC bade farewell to Twickenham with some outstanding cover-age and — that television rarity - a genuinely funny sports feature about the England front row. We began, however, with three big interviews that made it straight into the Sunday papers - Jack Rowell and Will Carling at Twickenham and Fran Cotton from Murrayfield.

Eddie Butler's colourful profile of the French may have been a little de trop for some tastes (the French forwards he compared predictably to Asterix and Obelix, the backs. rather less predictably, to Catherine Deneuve and Brigitte Bardot), but at least he was the first to hold up his hands at the end of the game. "Never has a five nations" game been read worse by a team of pundits." he said and rarely can a television

audience have cared less. It had been a great game and provided a suitable signoff for Nigel Starmer-Smith and Bill Beaumont, who, given the reduction in English emphasis at the BBC next season, could find themselves among the casualties. On the other hand, if the BBC also picks up the secondary rights for the Twickenham games, they could be at it for years to come. And on that scary

Fourth leg start chaos

SAILING: The fourth leg of the BT Global Challenge, which takes the fleet from Sydney to Cape Town, got under way yesterday despite a chaotic start that was packed with incident and included a collision between the race leader. Mike Golding's Group 4 and Commercial Union, skippered by Richard Merriweather and lying fifth overall. The race jury was forced to consider a total of ten protests filed from the yachts' skippers as the fleet made its way out of Sydney Harbour into the Tasman Sea. As a result, many of the yachts had to execute penalty turns before setting out on another 6,000 miles of ocean racing.

Leonard retires again

BOXING: Sugar Ray Leonard, right, promised not to attempt another comeback after his middleweight bout with Hector Camacho was halted in the fifth round in Atlantic City. The bout. Leonard's first for six years, was totally dominated by Camacho. "My career is definitely over," Leonard, 40, said. "In the ring, I'm through. Nobody wants to stop, but this is a pretty good indication."



Triumphant return

BOWLS: North Walsham defeated Stanley 84-76 in the final of the Sutton Winson/Greengauge national inter-club championship in Darlington yesterday, repeating their previous success in the Denny Cup the last time that it was

staged in the town, in 1986.

Amy Gowshall, of Louth, won the women's indoor national junior singles title in York yesterday.

Ivanisevic in hurry

TENNIS: Goran Ivanisevic easily overcame Sergi Bruguera to win the Italian indoor championship in Milan yesterday. Ivanisevic won 6-2, 6-2 in 43 minutes to retain the title after the shortest match in the history of the ATP Tour. "I'm not looking forward to becoming the No I player in the world; what I want most is to win a grand-slam event, which has eluded me so far." Ivanisevic said.

Strobl off the mark

SKIING: Josef Strobl. of Austria, gained his first World Cup super giant slalom victory yesterday. Luc Alphand, of France, who began the day by clinching his third consecutive downhill title, tied for fourth. ☐ Warwara Zelenskaja, of Russia, recorded two victories over the 1988 Olympic course at the women's downhill in Hakuba, Japan,

Logan joins Wasps

RUGBY UNION: Kenny Logan, right, the Scotland and Stirling County wing. has ended speculation by joining Wasps. Logan has signed a two-year contract thought to be worth £140,000 and is expected to play in the Courage Clubs Championship match on Sunday against Gloucester. London Scottish pulled out of a deal with Logan last week, claiming his demands were excessive.



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Downing remain head

CRICKET: KNIGHT'S INJURY AND INJUDICIOUS STROKES BRING NEW ZEALAND HOPE OF DRAWING SERIES

England spurn chance of victory

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN AUCKLAND

AUCKLAND (England won land by nine runs

THE final distinction of England's winter abroad remains elusive. They squandered another chance to make the one-day series safe here yesterday, batting overconfidently in pursuit of a miserable New Zealand total and suffering accordingly. Defeat, which leaves England 2-1 ahead going into the final fixture in Wellington today, was compounded by the first serious injury of the

Nick Knight's left index finger was broken in three places by the first ball of the England innings and, although he returned heroically to face a single ball onehanded in a desperate lastwicket stand, he must undergo surgery here today. Knight will be reunited with the team for their homeward flight on Wednesday, but he may miss the start of the championship season, in which he is to be vice-captain of Warwickshire.

on April 23. This was not an epic oneday match. It began too late, on too slow and damp a pitch, and contained too few runs to be memorable. Only one bowler conceded 30 and, though the surface was never entirely trustworthy, it could not be held responsible for the domination of the bowlers. Inept batting was at least as

much to blame. However, the importance to New Zealand of their first win over England in seven international games was obvious. Steve Rixon, their coach, had warned overnight that he was tired of hearing of his players' potential. They've got to put their hands up or move on," he said. The relief of a team that had belatedly responded was graphically illustrated by the uninhibited celebrations that followed the decisive carch.

It was taken by Geoff Allott, on the run and barely two yards in from the sightscreen. to thwart a spirited assault by Chris Silverwood. Shielding Knight from the strike while gathering runs with uncomplicated gusto, Silverwood - a late replacement for Dominic Cork, who was resting a hamstring strain - had reduced the requirement to ten from ten balls when his straight drive against Gavin Larsen fell agonisingly short

The crowd, that had swelled to around 6,000 from puny beginnings on an unpromisingly dank morning, acclaimed the result euphorically and, later, there was a rare smile on the face of Lee Germon, the New Zealand captain, as he conceded that his team's total of 153 had

seemed inadequate. To be frank, it had seemed woeful in the light of a forthright opening stand that produced 53 from 11 overs. All ten wickets then fell for 100. the last eight going down for only 40. It was wretched batting, though great credit is due to Robert Croft for a masterful spell of off spin, turning the odd ball, teasing all who faced him and tormenting Stephen Fleming and Chris Harris, the left-handers. Even in their reduced quota of 43 overs, the game having

started a day and 100 minutes late. England looked to have a straightforward task, but, mistakenly, they approached it as if defeat was inconceivable.

The effect of Knight's injury should not be underrated. He has batted with renewed freedom in the limited-overs games and made an unbeaten 84 on this ground a week ago. He was struck trying to withdraw his bottom hand from a lifting, leg-side delivery by Heath Davis and retired after a lengthy examination by Wayne Morton, the physiotherapist.

For the next 40 minutes. England batted as if this was a benefit game. By the end of this period, they had lost four



Knight bats one-handed after breaking a finger on his left hand as England try in vain to reach their target

wickets and stood, effectively, at 41 for five. It was a long road back from there and England had neither the necessary depth nor the convic-tion to attack against the

familiarly niggardly slow-me-dium of Larsen and Harris. It was bowlers such as these, on pitches such as this, who were responsible for New Zealand's startling progress in the 1992 World Cup. When conditions suit, they are highly effective and England's

lower order was bewitched. The fault, of course, lay higher. Michael Atherton had already been dropped at cover from a ball that he had to perform contortions to reach when he repeated the stroke in the fourth over. Graham Thorpe turned a catch to square leg, Nasser Hussain's footwork deserted him and Ronnie Irani was out first ball, Davis too good for him.

Alec Stewart and Craig White patiently rebuilt, putting on 50 in 20 overs, but, when Stewart was bowled aiming an ugly pull. White was becalmed as Harris operated hypnotically to nine men inside the fielding circle. Seven overs remained, and 41 were needed, when White. utterly frustrated, drove Harris to mid-off.

FULL SCOREBOARD FROM AUCKLAND

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NEW ZEALAND

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is a cricketer of rare character.

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5-0-20-0 (w 5, 2 tours, 3-0-15-0, 2-0-5-0). Gough 5.5-0-29-2 (w 2, 2 tours; 5-0-24-1, 0.5-0-5-1). White 5-0-21-1 (3 tours; 3-0-9-1, 2-0-12-0). Croft 9-1-26-2 (w 1; one spell); Irani 7-0-23-1 (w 1, one spell). 4-41 (Stewart 17), 3-91 (Vitilla 12), 4-110 (Croft 6); 7-132 (Gough 5); 8-132 (Caddick 0); 9-123 (Silverwood 1). Knight refred hurt when 1 at 1-0 and resumed at 133-9 Score after 12 overs (43-over match) 59 for 2 FICHALING: Davis 6-0-32-2 (w 6, 4 fours DUWLING: Davis 6-0-32-2 (w 6. 4 fours, one spell). Allott 5-1-21-2 (w 1 3 fours, one spell). Douil 6-1-15-0 (1 four, 5-1-8-0, 1-0-7-0); Larsen 8.3-0-23 (7-0-14-0 13-0-6-3), Harris 9-0-26-1 (2 fours one spell). Astle 7-1-24-1 (1 sic one spell) ENGLAND

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Total (41.3 overs, 174min) back for a second to long-on and failed to beat Astle's precise return. Two more wickets fell in the same over and Knight, his left hand strapped and gloveless, made his courageous return in

vain. After winning an important

the outstretched hands of

Dave Richardson, the

wicketkeeper, with the score

Blewett, in particular, made

the South Africans pay dearly

for repeatedly pitching short

on a surface that lacked

hounce, as he cut, pulled and

hooked most of his 26 fours,

Blewett's runs came off 321

balls. The only bowler to

command respect was Paul

Adams, the left-arm spinner,

FIFTH (Wellington), tomorraw ☐ Compiled by Bill Frindall toss and restricting their hosts so effectively, this was a bad day for England, a reminder to them that every victory has to be earned. The outcome is a final match loaded with ten-

sion, when they should have

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New Zealand won by nine runs

Third umpire: B F Bowden

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INTERNATIONAL SERIES

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SECOND (Auckland) England won by

Umpires: D.B. Cowie and R.S. Dunne

ROWING: Downing finished head of the Cambridge University Lent races for the fourth year in succession on Saturday. 1st and 3rd Trinity climbed into the challenger's position, their highest for 23 years, and won their pars by going up four places during the week. At the top of the women's division. Emmanuel regained the headship that they lost to Trinity Hall last year.

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Source: Ski Club of Great Britain

Blewett and Waugh pile on agony

on 265.

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

UNBEATEN centuries from Steve Waugh and Greg Blewett virtually shut South Africa out of the first Test match at the Wanderers in Johannesburg yesterday. Waugh and Blewett shared a 305-run stand for the fifth wicket, batting throughout the third day as Australia amassed a formidable 479 for four.

The fifth wicket pair's effort put Australia into a controlling position with a 177-run lead after South Africa had been bowled out for 302 on the first day.

bling as they cruelly exposed the lack of depth of the South African bowling. South Afri-ca's four-pronged pace attack struggled all day trying to wrest the initiative on an unresponsive wicket.

Australia had begun the day on 191 for four after bad light and rain had robbed 30.4 overs on the second day. Blewett, playing the role of the senior partner, hit a careerhest 153, his third Test century in 14 innings since making his debut against England in

Adelaide in 1994-95. Blewett and Waugh raised a new record partnership for any wicket in Test for Australia against South Africa. They eclipsed the 45-year-old second wicket stand of 275 between Colin McDonald and Lindsay Hassett in Adelaide in 1952-53.

It was also the thirteenth time Test cricket has record a wicketless full day's play in 1,356 Tests. Blewett and Waugh became only the eleventh pair of batsmen to have batted through a complete day's play.

The two batsmen are the third pair to achieve this feat for Australia, after Bill Lawry and Bob Simpson against the West Indies in Bridgetown in 1965and Mark Taylor and Geoff Marsh against England at Trent Bridge in 1989.

Waugh, hampered by a muscle strain in his left lower leg after the tea break, preferred to play second fiddle to his junior partner and in the process recorded his twelfth century in 87 Tests.

Waugh enjoyed the luxury

of a reprieve on 44. when a

sharp catch off a Lance

Klusener bouncer flew past

overs for 130 runs. SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA: First turnings 302 (W.J. Chonje 76, D.J. Richardson 72 not out; G.D. McCrath 4-77) AUSTRALIA: First Innergo

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only the second 300 plus stand for any wicket in Test cricket in South Africa, following Len Hutton and Cyril Wash-brook's 359-run effort for the first wicket at Ellis Park in Johannesburg in 1948-49.

Waugh, 31, has so far batted for 400 minutes and struck 19 fours off 302 balls. Donald and Shaun Pollock have shared the four wickets to fall. D Javagal Srinath, the India fast bowler, has withdrawn from the tour of the West Indies after injuring a shoulder during a net session last week. D. V. Subba Rao, the team manager, confirmed in Kingston, Jamaica yesterday that Srinath had torn ligaments in his bowling shoulder

Srinath has been given permission to see a surgeon in Johannesburg who treated him during a tour of South Africa, Jagmohan Dalmiya, secretary of Board of Control for Cricket in India, said: "A decision on his replacement will be taken only after Srinath's condition was analysed by the surgeon." Salil Ankola is the most likely replacement if one is needed.

ICE HOCKEY

Devils and Panthers wins on the road

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE key to success in a round-robin competition is to win at home and try to pick up the odd point on the road. Cardiff Devils and Nottingham Panthers did even better on Saturday, winning away to Newcastle Cobras and Basingstoke Bison, respectively.

Again, the Panthers could thank Trever Robins, their goaltender. In a scoreless first period, they were outshot 14-6. but Robins repeatedly held the Bison at bay, Paul Adey, twice, Neil Morgan and Marty Dallman scored for the Punthers in the second period.

In the final period Robins became involved in a fracas. earning 18 minutes in penalties which left the Panthers two men short. Merv Priest deprived Robins of his shutout with 412 minutes to go.

The Devils were also outshot in the first period, but Stevie Lyle was outstanding in the Cardiff goal. Jeff Macleod scored for the Cobras and Ian Cooper for the Devils in the first period, Greg Ware and Steve Thornton, two, made it 4-I for the Devils before the Cobras gained a late consolation.

Bracknell Bees surprised Sheffield Steelers, drawing level through Jeff Johnstone after Tony Hand had given the Steelers an early lead. Dale Junkin put the Bees ahead, but goals by Glenn Mulvenna and Hand, again, gave Sheffield their win.

Kingston Hawks coach, and Norman Pinnington, a forward, will have appeals against ten-match bans heard tomorrow by a special meeting of the British Ice Hockey Association disciplinary committee. The bans were imposed after violence broke out

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The pair sent records tum-

who bowled 43 well controlled

Li Keith Milhench, the

in Hawks' match against Tellord Tigers in Hull last weekend.

Racing bids farewell to one of its greats



Erhaab, in the 1994 Derby, provides Carson with his eighteenth and last classic success, more than 22 years after his first

fillie Carson yesterday brought down the final curtain on a career inspired by a visit to his local cinema as a young boy by announcing his retirement. The diminutive Scot. who endeared himself to punters with his never-say-die attitude in the saddle and unmistakable cackle out of it, rode 18 English classic winners and was champion jockey on five occasions. His tally of 3,828 winners is the fourth highest in British racing history and with the exception of Lester Piggott and, possibly. Pat Eddery, he was the

Per again

best rider of his generation. "I made the final decision on Saturday. I am getting old and my body is wearing out." Carson, 54, said at his Gloucestershire home yesterday. Although the spirit was still willing, he had to bow to the inevitable as he had found it hard to regain full fitness after the lifethreatening injuries he received at Newbury last September when he was kicked in the chest by a horse.

The fight for fitness was one of the few battles he has lost during a career where determination, tenacity and a single-minded will to win have been paramount and helped him become a household name and the Queen's favourite jockey.

William Fisher Hunter Carson was born in Stirling on November 16, 1942, the son of a warehouseman for Fyffes bananas. Although he was a respectable 612 lb at his first weigh-in, he inherited his parents' lack of stature and was the butt of jokes abut his height at school ... and how he should

When he was II he went to Alianpark Cinema in Stirling to see The Rainbow Jacket, a "seasonably sunny tale of the turf, with shots of Doncaster, Sandown Park, Newmarket - and Sir Gordon Richards, who had won his only Derby

Richard Evans looks back over a colourful riding career that covered five decades

on Pinza the previous year. The Rainbow Jacket had a lot to answer for," Carson said. "It was a film about a young kid coming good as a jockey and it pointed me in the right direction. I made up my mind to be a jockey and spent all the money from my paper round on learning to ride."

"Billy" Carson, as he was known as a youngster, used to cycle the nine-mile round trip once a week for his ten-shilling lesson at the Scottish Equitation Centre in Dunblane and in 1959 joined the stable of Gerald Armstrong near Middleham. If Carson thought success would come easily, he was

Despite having his first ride at Redcar in May 1959, he did not have a winner until Pinkers Pond obliged in an apprentice handicap at Catterick in July 1962. Arm-



The jockey listens intently to the advice of a royal admirer

strong retired at the end of that season and sent Carson to the Newmarket yard of his brother, Sam, and his career began to blossom. Five winners in 1963 were followed by 15 in 1964 and 37 a year

A move to Bernard van Cutsem's stable and the appointment as Lord Derby's retained jockey meant Carson was on an irreversible climb towards the top. In 1971 he rode a century of winners, a feat he was to repeat in 22 of the following 25 years. A first classic success, on High Top in the 2,000 Guineas. and a first jockey's title came in 1972 but the best was still to come. Carson became stable lockey to

Dick Hern in 1977, the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee and, in fairytale fashion, the new team triumphed with Dunfermline, carrying the royal colours, in the Oaks and the St Leger. The emotional success helped to cement one of the great trainer-jockey relationships of modern times and provided Carson with some of his most memorable days on horses like Troy, Henbit, Bireme, and more recently, Nashwan and Dayjur. Hern said yesterday: "It has

always been Willie's decision, but he has retired when he still has his health and strength. He has gone out with his nerve unimpaired. When he had that terrible fall on Silken Knot at York in 1981, everybody said he could not come back but he came back better than ever. He has been a staunch ally and a great friend. I think he has probably done the right thing to go out at the top of the tree." John Dunlop, the champion

trainer in 1995, admitted to mixed

feelings on hearing of Carson's retirement. "I felt it was remarkable, and it reflects the character of the man, that, after his accident, he even contemplated continuing. There comes a time in every athlete's life when you have to retire and I am delighted he has chosen the moment which he thinks is best.

"He rode his first winner for me - Final Fling - in September 1971 and his last, Bahhare, in September 1996. In total, he rode 641 winners for me, which is quite amazing. He had a great association with the best horses I have trained, particularly Salsabil and Habibti, but the most remarkable race I remember was Erhaab's victory in the 1994 Derby when he came from nearly last to win. It was an amazing piece of race-riding.

"He was tremendously popular with racegoers and not just in Britain. In Italy they would cheer Willie, Willie'. I will miss him tremendously." Carson's chirpy personality as a captain on A Ouestion Of Sport gained him a wide following beyond racing.

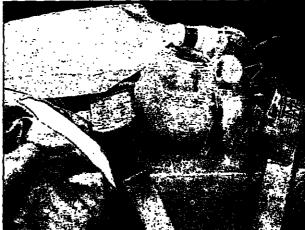
Although Carson has always

been careful with his money and is a millionaire, it is difficult envisaging him putting his feet up as he gives up race-riding. He has built up a successful stud near Cirencester, named after Minster Son, the colt he bred and rode to win the St Leger in 1988.

Carson's determination to triumph meant he put his career before everything else, including his family, in the early years. Single-mindedness can be a failing as well as a blessing but, as far as his supporters are concerned, he will be remembered as the happygo-lucky, wise-cracking Scot: the People's Jockey.

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Carson lies injured after his career-ending accident

CARSON'S CAREER

Pirst winner: Pinkers Pond, July 19, 1962, at Catterick Champion jookey: 1972, 1973, 1978, 1980, 1983. Best season: 1990 (187 winners). Rode a century of winners in all but two seasons between 1971 and 1995. Most winners at a meeting: Six (from seven rides) at Newcastle on June 30, 1990, at combined codes of 3,246-1.

CARSON'S 18 CLASSIC VICTORIES

1.000 GUINEAS: Salsabil (1990), Shadavid (1991), 2,000 GUINEAS: High Top (1972), Known Fact (1980), Don't Forget Me (1987), Nashwan (1989). DERBY: Troy (1979), Henbit (1980), Nashwan (1989), Erhaab

OAKS: Duntermine (1977), Bireme (1980), Sun Princess (1983), Salsabil (1990), Shadayid (1991). ST LEGER: Dunfermane (1977), Sun Princess (1983), Minstel Son (1988).

ATHLETICS

Tromans completes amazing recovery

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

GLYN TROMANS, a distance runner from Coventry, will make his debut for Great Britain in the world crosscountry championships in Tu-rin in three weeks' time only eight months after undergoing two heart operations.

Tromans was fourth in the British championships yesterday and was selected immediately for the senior men's team of nine. When Tromans lined up at

the start at Wigmore Valley Park, Luton, it was his first cross-country race for 16 months. You can liken this to the guy playing Sunday soccer who, in his middle to late twenties. suddenly vaults to Premiership status. Bud Baldaro, a Great Britain team coach, said. "It is like the £50 a week part-timer who suddenly finds himself playing alongside Alan Shearer."

Tromans, 27, began to suffer severe palpitations in 1995 and, though he continued to train, frequently he would have to abort his runs. "My heartbeat would go up to 220 (beats a minute), he said. Sometimes I could run for two hours, sometimes only for

half a minute." Believing he was suffering from asthma. Tromans went to see Dr Frank Newton, the Great Britain cross-country team doctor, who sent him to a cardiologist. He was getting chest pains and I thought it might be a heart condition," Dr Newton said. His heartrates were going up far too high for what he was doing. Normally for an athlete. the maximum heart-rate is 220

minus your age. He would go

along comfortably at 150 and suddenly it would go up to 220 and he would get a pain in his chest." It was discovered that Tromans had extra nerve pathways in his heart. The operations were to cut

the extra pathways so he is left only with the ones he should have." Dr Newton added. "He was getting extra sets of electrical messages and the effect was push his heart-rate much too high." Ashia Hansen, the triple

jumper, was on Saturday handed the chance to win the £30,000 first prize at the World Indoor championships next week after the British Athletic Federation reversed its selection procedures and added her name to the team.

Hansen, 25, had been left out of the team for Paris, despite being a genuine medal hope, after failing to take part the British trials in Birmingham last month.

BAF had informed all athletes wanting to compete in the world championships that they had to compete at Birmingham and also at last week's Bupa Grand Prix at the same venue.

Last week, Hansen, who finished fifth at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year, proved her medal promise when she beat Rodica Matescu, of Romania, top of the world rankings and favourite for gold for the second time in a week.

But when the team for Paris was announced last Monday. Hansen's name was missing. with BAF maintaining its selection procedures were well known and had to be followed. I the par four seventh before his lone

GOLF: AUSTRALIAN WINS PLAY-OFF TO LAND HIS FIRST EUROPEAN TOUR TITLE

Green holds nerve in classic finish

GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN DUBAL

AFTER an enthralling four days of competition, the Desert Classic sped to a rousing conclusion yesterday, with Greg Norman, the world No I. Ian Woosnam, a former world No l, who had led overnight and seemed to have the title in his grasp, and Richard Green. an Australian left-hander in only his second season on the European Tour, contesting a play-off. It was Green who holed his putt to win at the first extra hole.

He raised his arm in a mixture of acknowledgement and delight, as though he could scarcely believe that he had won his first professional title in Europe, as well as £116,660, from such an outstanding field. Anita. his wife and caddie, struggled to contain herself as she stood holding the flag at the side of the green. Green. 26, was the first left-hander to win a European Tour event since Bob Charles in 1974.

THREE birdies on the first three holes

launched Nick Faldo into the lead after

the third round of the Los Angeles Open

Scott McCarron going into the final

round last night.

- one shot clear of Craig Stadler and

Faldo, looking for his first victory since

the US Masters last year, opened his

three-under-par round of 68 with a birdie

from a bunker on the par five first. He

then followed it up with birdies at the

The Englishman, who was one of four

players who started the day one shot

behind overnight leader Don Pooley.

moved to 10-under-par with a birdle at

second and third - both par fours.

ble for José Maria Olazabal's doughty performance in his first event for 17 months (he eventually finished joint twelfth) and the sad departure of Severiano Ballesteros to consult the same German doctor whose ministrations have enabled Olazábal to walk again. It was also notable for the way that Norman decided, at the last moment, that the best way to warm up for the Doral-Ryder Open in Miami this week was to leave his home in Florida, fly to the

his second event of the year. It had looked as though Woosnam was going to cele-brate the weekend of St David's Day and his 39th birthday yesterday with his first victory of the year, but then one surprise followed another over the closing holes.

Middle East and compete in

First came Norman's expected charge to the head of the field. Having started on ten under par, he had reached 15 under as he prepared to play his second on the 18th. He had to make birdie to

pressurise Woosnam who, at that moment, was 16 under nar and halfway down the 17th hole. Norman did so, his curling putt disappearing into the hole after a circuitous routing, one that resembled a journey from London to Bristol via Birmingham, Each of his four rounds had been lower than the previous one -

71, 68, 67, 66, Woosnam birdied the 17th by holing from eight feet to move to 17 under par. Needing

Final scores

only a par at the last for victory, he faced a simple pitch of 73 yards over the lake, but unaccountably mis-hit it and his ball rolled back into the water. Woosnam was so disorientated he played his lifth stroke from the same spot, when he could have moved to the dropping zone.

To his credit, however, his second pitch was to ten feet and he knew he had to hole it to tie with Norman. As

bogey of the day, at the par three 14th, left

"Obviously. I'm very pleased with my

start," he said. "I had a very good up-and-

down on one. On the back nine, it was a

case of missed chances. I couldn't quite

keep adding to it. But I was still hitting it

lowest round of the tournament, included

back-to-back eagles at the 10th and 11th.

He chipped in from 45 feet at the tenth

and from 25 feet at the 11th, on both

He birdied the first and fifth, three-

putted for a bogey at the seventh and

Stadler had an eventful round of 68.

occasions with his eight-iron.

McCarron's seven-under-par 64, the

him with a nine-under total of 204.

Woosnam pondered this putt, Green sank a 25-footer for a birdie to join Norman in a play-off. Woosnam made it a three-way affair when he sank

All three found the fairway on the 17th, but whereas Norman and Woosnam saw their second shots bounce on the green and roll to the back fringe, Green's second, one of 106 yards for which he used his sand wedge, stopped 12 feet past the hole. Norman and Woosnam both missed their putts: Green, an elegant player, rolled his in for his third victory as a professional.

Green used often in victory. He had defeated Norman. whom he had hero worshipped as a child, on the first time they had met. More will be heard of Richard Green. If there was one person whose excitement approached Green's, it was Olazabal. He said that he felt no worse than when he had arrived. This must surely mean that he is on his way back towards full

Flying start puts Faldo in pole position then fell to four-under, one-over for the

day, with a double bogey at the ninth.
"One little bump along the way doesn't bother me too much," Stadler said, and he got back on track at the tenth where he hit a two-iron off the tee and a sand wedge to six feet for a birdie. He followed that with three more birdies with putts ranging from three to 12 feet.

In all eight players were within five shots of Faldo going into the final round. Tom Purizer and Scott Hoch shared fourth place on 207. Fred Couples, twice winner of the Los Angeles title, and Mark O'Meara, the current leading money winner on the US Tour, were on 208 along with Robin Freeman.

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Scotland's euphoria fuelled by feeble Ireland

Ireland 10

By Christopher Irvine

ONE-MATCH revivals were the curse of Wales and Ireland. The cup pressed to lips was immediately snatched from them. However, blowing their Gaelic cousins away on a gale at Murrayfield on Saturday is one thing for Scotland. denying France a grand slam in springtime Paris quite another.

As England discovered, dismantling Ireland is not ideal preparation for the much more difficult assignment of bearing France. The hope that Scotland - as well as England - must have is that they can repeat their 23-21 win in Paris two years ago. Were they somehow to upset the French applecart, all the talk about Scotland being in a separate championship of two with Ireland would be dismissed as arrogance on the part of others.

After a match against opponents as tactically deficient. defensively naive and ripe for the taking as Ireland. Scotland should not delude themselves. The Celtic battle to avoid the wooden spoon was likely to depend on which country was the more desperate for victory. Just because Scotland passed their lo-plus, it does not mean that they are up to degree standard for the Parc des Princes in 12 days.

After the initial triumphalism that followed victory. Scotland could reflect on a performance of control and fluidity. They did not take all of their opportunities, but enough to register their record score in the five nations' championship.

Encouragingly, several individuals, notably Craig Chal-

SCOTLAND: R J S Shepherd (Melrose). A G Stanger (Hatinck). A V Tait (Newnastle). G P J Townsend (Northampton). K M Logan (String County). C M Chalmers (Melrose). B W Redpath (Melrose). T J Smith (Watsonans). D G Ellis. (Cume). M J Stewart (Northampton/Army). R I Waimwright (Watsonans/Army, captann). G W Wear (Newcasille). A I Reed (Wasps). I R Smith (Moseley). P Walton (Newcasille). RELAND: J E Staples (Nariequins. captain). D A Hickie (St Mary's College). M J Field (Malone). K P McQuillúin

SCORERS: Scotland: Tries: Tail, Walton, Wor, Townsend, Stanger Conversions: Shepherd (5) Penalty goal, Shepherd, Ireland: Try: Hicker Conversion: Humphreys

mers, stamped their authority on the match. Much work needs to be done, but Scotland; at least, have something to

work with. An hour after the finish, Brian Ashton, Ireland's newly-appointed coach, was still a beetroot colour. The six-year contract that he signed must have seemed like a life sentence. Was Ireland's victory in Wales last month a dream? Ashton's features creased up as he confessed his embarrassment at the failure of his side

FIVE NATIONS'

CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCHES TO COME: March 15, France v Scotland Wales v England

to win controlled-phase ball. and "front-line tackling" below the standard expected of an international team.

Ashton also talked of a roller-coaster season, although conceding an average of 35 points a match is more of a white knuckle ride. He must hope that the development squad that he will take to New Zealand this summer will not suffer too badly and he can start building, but, while injuries continued to strip Ireland

Reed picking lineout balls like sweets from children, Scotland exploited room around the fringes permitted them by a compliant Ireland back row. MURRAYFIELD DETAILS In addition to the effort by Tait, tries off the scrum by Walton and Weir, fellow (Lansdowne), J C Bell (Northampton), D G Humphreys (London Insh), B T O'Meara (Coth Constitution), P Flavin (Blackroch College), R P Nesdale (Newcasile), P S Wallace (Saracers), D S Corkery (Binstol), P S Johns (Saracers), J W Davidson (London Insh), W D McBride (Malone), B M Cronin (Garryowen) Staples replaced by C M P O'Shea (London Insh, 25mm), McDutkin replaced by P A Burke (Bristol, 65), O'Meara replaced by S C Mctvor (Garryowen, 66) Newcastle players, caused

bare during the match, it also served to highlight that there

are precious few bricks amid

the preliminary British Isles

squad is a mystery, although

Fran Cotton, the Lions manag-

er, will be more reluctant to

delete the name of Jim Staples,

a captaincy contender, whose

last contribution of the after-

noon was a fitting but painful

one. Staples is blessed by

talent, but cursed by injury.

He pulled a hamstring in his

charge up the right, yet got his kick away for Hickie to score

Ireland's only try, which gave

them the lead after 25 minutes.

If Tom Smith was a surpris-

ing inclusion in the Lions

party before Saturday, he is

not now. On the left of

Scotland's scrum, Smith was a

figure of solid correctness. In

the loose, his charges were

Smith's significant contri-

bution to Scotland's first try

tended to be overlooked in that

it was scored by Alan Tait. For

someone short of pace, the hype about Tait's return from

rugby league to international

rugby union was extraordi-

nary. Timing, positional sense

and support play are all

requisites of league that Tait

displayed on a steady come-

back alongside the silky

Scotland's all-round bal-

ance was improved, partly

because of Chalmers's ability

at stand-off half to craft silk

purses out of sow's ears passes

from Redpath. The watching

Cotton must also have been

impressed by Rob Wain-

wright's contribution on the

blind-side flank. He is plainly

With a buffeting southwest-

erly wind behind them in the

second half, and Weir and

not a No 8.

Townsend in the centre.

barnstorming.

How 13 Irish names got into

the straw for him to use.

porters' anthem. When Townsend and Stanger added the threequarter sparkle with tries near the finish, Scotland exorcised a few more of the demons flying about since their collapses against Wales and England. Ireland have a long time to try to forget.

Flower of Scotland to give way

to Blaydon Races as the sup-

Townsend, who capped a silky display with Scotland's fourth try, looks for support after being tackled by Humphreys

Chalmers wins over his critics

BY THE very nature of international sport, there are exuberant highs and depressing lows to be enjoyed or endured during the course of a competitor's career. While it is easy to be magnanimous in victory. how an individual confronts despair and defeat says much

Craig Chalmers, the Scotland stand-off half, knows more than most about the vicissitudes of life, having suffered in the past year his fair share of "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune

TAGHeuer

Mark Souster sees the Scotland stand-off secure his rightful claim to the No 10 shirt

the heartache and the thousand natural shocks". To his credit, he has emerged from the darkness with his about his character. reputation enhanced.

Instead of sulking at the prospect of a glittering career decline, after being dropped in favour of Gregor Townsend by Scotland last year, he quietly went away, worked hard at his game, and won over the critics and more importantly from his point of view, the selectors. That,

though, was only part of it. On February 15, Chalmers's father. Brian, his mentor and guiding light, collapsed and died while watching his son play for Melrose at Hawick. He was only 53. It was a devastating blow, one cush-ioned, as far it could be, by the support and comfort offered by the close knit community that is Melrose.

That is why it was so important and gratifying for Chalmers. 28. having again been recalled at the insistence of David Johnston, the Scotland assistant coach, to have produced such a consummate display. He may not have Townsend's searing pace or generate the electricity that Townsend does when in possession, but, as he consistently maintained during his period in the wilderness, he has other skills and attributes. He can control a game better than Townsend and is without peer in Scotland in bringing his threequarter line into play.

At Murrayfield, in condi-

tions that suited him perfectly. Chalmers, in his 51st international, proved the ultimate competitor. A dummy here, a

slipped pass there, he was always ready to take on the opposition, to fight the good fight and, in harness with Bryan Redpath, his club colleague at scrum half, invariably chose the right option.

It was a performance that must surely have settled the argument that has raged over who should be Scotland's stand-off. Afterwards, with the plaudits ringing in his ears he wore the look of a contented man, but, at the same time in an emotionally charged atmosphere. Chalmers was quick to pay tribute

to his father's influence. "My dad helped me a lot throughout my career," he said. "Every time I go out to play now. it will definitely be for him. He will be pleased today. He will be up there watching me. I know. He will have enjoyed it, watching me play, watching Scotland win. know he will have been looking down on me.

"When I was younger, espe-



things you did - always the mistakes. It all depends on how you react to that, and personally I react positively to criticism. I understood why he was doing it. Some people might think this burning desire to win is not a very attractive trait, but, when you are a sportsman playing at international level. I reckon that it is essential.

"I am motivated and very competitive, and I get that from my father. There are more important things in life than rugby, such as family and health, but, when I am on a rugby pitch, it is rugby that is the most important. I am pleased with the way I performed and I am enjoying my rugby more than ever. My aim now is to secure the stand-off position and have people say 'Yes, he should be

He added: "To win today was vital. The forwards were magnificent and gave us the platform to build on. Seeing Tom Smith, Graham Ellis and Matt Stewart drive holes through rucks was superb. If we play like that in Paris, there is no reason why we can't get a result there and stop France getting the grand

Having been been one of the catalysts for Scotland's remarkable success over an admittedly disappointing Ireland, it will have done him little harm to have played so well in front of Fran Cotton. the British Isles manager. After missing the 1993 tour to New Zealand when at the peak of his powers because of an arm broken at Twickenham. Chalmers is surely certain to make the final party announced in early April. Now that would make his father very proud.

game so well even while he

undertakes all the mundane

chores in defence; not that

Pontypridd need any tuition

on that score. They worked

vigorously to find a way round

Gibbs and Taylor, though this

was no flowing epic between

Wales's top two clubs, more a

Jenkins's subtle pass sent

Lewis over for the first try.

Another member of the clan,

Steele Lewis, stood in the

tackle for Jenkins to hit the

line at speed and send Ford

over for the second, before

Jenkins himself saw space

behind the Swansea scrum,

chipped, chased and collected

the ball for the try that might

have earned the bonus point.

SCORERS: Pontypridd Tries: G Lews, Ford, Jeniums, Conversions: Jeniums (2) Penalty goels: Jeniums (4). Swamsea: Try: Charvs. Conversion: Harris

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cancelling of strengths.

ing pass for tries by Geraint Lewis and Ford. He reads the

in Cardiff, as Wales will be playing their last game before the National Stadium is redeveloped. A triple crown is at stake - as if England need to be reminded - and the pain of defeat by France will be even more acute this morning. It is the lessons they draw from it. though, that are important for the future.

good performance, but I do not expect that France will be unduly worried. Paris in mid-March, with a grand slam beckoning, is the perfect finale for France. They brought their new running game to Twick-enham and won. Can they

SUCCESS. MIND

Jenkins shines at stand-off

Pontypridd..... Swansea.....

By DAVID HANDS

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Swalec Cup may have left Sardis Road, but the Welsh League remains a tantalising possibility for Pontypridd, never more so than yesterday, when the demolition of Swansea left the clubs

level on points at the top. Yet it could have been more. The mathematics of league rugby in Wales meant that, for eight minutes, Pontypridd had nosed ahead of Swansea, who. eight days earlier, had ejected them from the cup by a single point. Then a try by Colin Charvis, two minutes into added time, denied Pontypridd their clear three-try advantage and hence the

bonus point. Swansea remain ahead by virtue of having scored more tries - 80 as against 60 in 13 matches - but there is precious little else they could take back west as comfort. Signs of spring in the Rhondda Valley suggest that Pontypridd may

yet claim the league title that has always eluded them, which would be a tribute to a well administered club and to a player. Neil Jenkins, whose virtues never shine brighter than in his own back yard.

Jenkins may yet conclude the international season in his favoured position of stand-off half, instead of full back,

Auckland, the champions, were held to a 40-40 draw by Northern Transvaal and Queensland, the two-time winners, lost 24-19 to ACT, their Australian rivals, in the opening round of the Super

should the injured Arwel doubt his capacity to operate effectively from No 10.

He scored 21 of his club's

Thomas, of Swansea, fail to recover in time to play England on March 15. Jonathan Davies has damaged ribs and missed Cardiff's defeat of Ebbw Vale and, watching Jenkins in full flow, you wonder how it is that Wales

points and provided the scor-

SWANSEA M Back, W Leech, M Taylor, S Globs, A Hains, A Williams, A Booth, S Budsert, G Janions, C Anthony, C Charles, P Amold, S Moore, D Thomas, S Danes, Anthuny replaced by K Colclough (33) Booth replaced by R Jones (78)

experience of defeat Rob Andrew suggests England must improve their tactical awareness and strengthen key areas t was a game lost, suicidally, needlessly and somewhat naively. Sides do not lose when they are 14 points ahead, do they? Well.

yes, they can and do, although

I cannot recall another capitu-

lation by a home country in

the five nations' championship

such as England managed to

inflict on themselves on

Lessons to

be learnt

from bitter

When it cried out for Phil de Glanville, or any number of the experienced players in the side, to communicate what was going on to the rest of the team and work out ways to combat it, there was nothing. A relieving spell of three or four minutes on the France line and, maybe, the storm would have abated. It continued to rage and England paid the price for dropping their guard and keeping it lowered. England, rightly after what they did to Scotland and Ireland, went into the match with plenty of confidence. In the end, though, were they a little too cocksure? At 20-6, France were just about dead. If anything, it was the time to step up the pressure and go for the kill. Instead, England stepped down the pressure. forgetting just how dangerous France can be, notwithstanding the situation.

It was a strange experience. There was an overwhelming sense of inevitability once Leflamand had scored the first France try. England had stepped off the gas to such an extent that they seemed inca-pable of reapplying it. Paul Grayson and Andy Gomarsali failed to find a couple of touches and, with the wind in their sails, French fluidity overran England. They fully deserved their celebrations at the end in laying the Twickenham bogey to rest after ten

England, to my mind, had given in to their critics by throwing the ball around from the outset. It was exhilarating . to watch, but was it the right tactic? England were still trying to keep the ball alive at all costs, and, critically, they let their concentration slip. At the time, perhaps, when they should have been battening down the hatches to consolidate a fairly sizeable advantage, victory was delivered

into France's hands. With 25 minutes to go and so far in front, I do not see what effect tactical substitutions would have had. Against Ireland; Austin Healey and Jeremy Guscott were brought into the picture late on to drive nails into the coffin. It was tactical thinking that was possibly lacking. A bit of pragmatism and England would have been going for a grand slam in Cardiff on Saturday week.

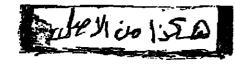
The championship again demonstrated its capacity to surprise, but some things have not changed. England and France are out on their own. Wales, in the middle, have still a lot to prove, and Scotland and Ireland are in a league of their own at the bottom. Saying that, there is still a long way for England to go in catching up in global terms. England possess a number of good, talented individuals, but a great team is some way off.

There must be a collective blame, but the defeat again highlighted certain deficien-cies in the midfield spine of Nos 8, 9 and 10.

Grayson is progressing at stand-off half, but it is at scrum half that England have more problems. When it required control under pressure, Gomarsall was unable to supply any: with him, it is all tapand-go, dummy and dart. He is far too predictable and his kicking is not good enough for international level. I suspect, though, that Jack Rowell will

not make many changes. It will be tough for England

Scotland beat Ireland in a really be stopped now?



GAME.

RUGBY UNION: BEATEN SIDE'S CAPACITY TO COPE WITH TWICKENHAM FAILURE WILL BE FULLY EXAMINED BY WALES

France force England into character test

England.. France.. By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THIS France team, which now stands on the brink of a first grand slam in the five nations' championship since 1987, may well develop into a great one. At Twickenham, on Saturday, they offered a 75,000 crowd a remarkable performance of composure under pressure, of adherence to the demands of their coaches and of execution when all seemed lost.

It was, by a distance, the mostdisciplined all-round game that memory can recall from a side harnstrung from the outset of this season by injuries and absentees; so much so that, by the end, the indiscipline was England's, the. thrown punch, the dissent, the horrid sense of a match snatched away when it was all but won evident in every exhausted line of their bodies.

Their abject disappointment as the final whistle blew suggested a loss of self-belief which Wales may find ways of exploiting in Cardiff on the Ides of March. England thought that they had travelled further than they have, and this probable loss of the championship offers the chance to see the character of this side and how well it copes with failure. If, after all, the away teams continue to win as they have in five of the eight championship matches this season. the title may yet be theirs.

For that to happen, Scotland must win at the Parc des Princes (as they did two years ago), but, such is the serenity of the French, that you would not bet on it. Their esprit de corps stems from the management team which their federation resolutely refused to put together until this season: Jo Maso and, more significantly, Jean-Claude Skrela and Pierre Villepreux.

They have done for France what Skrela and Villepreux did for Tou-louse in the 1980s, given them an attitude of mind and depth of purpose that have permeated throughout the various representative levels. After all, France's achievement over the weekend extended to the A, under-21 and student teams. Skrela acknowledged his surprise that a grand slam is now within reach, but his work with an extended group of players has paid off, to no better effect than with the quartet from Brive, the Heineken Cup holders.

After watching them demolished by Auckland a week earlier, the two national coaches took time to assure Carbonneau, Penaud, Lamaison and Venditti of their value to the team and of their faith in them as individuals. In return, the four backs gave France the cutting edge that England lacked, with Lamaison returning a nap hand of try, conversions, dropped goal and the penalty goal, three minutes from

time, that won the match. Lamaison is only one player in 15," Villepreux, so long an outcast in his own land, said. "The team tries to have a collective spirit. The important thing was not Lamaison, but to maintain the style we want, even at 20-6 down. We had rugby



Merle, the France lock, sinks to his knees at the final whistle as his team-mates celebrate a famous victory over a dejected England at Twickenham

help to promote the game; the public will be glad to have seen it, the players to have played in it."

It was a generous and deserved tribute to England, whose play into the strong wind in the first half of the Save and Prosper international was of precisely of the calibre that they have been seeking. There was a sense of adventure, of Gallic élan from the opening period, when Stimpson ran out of his own 22. backs and forwards chimed in with wital contributions from Rodber and Carling, and England made 60 metres before drawing a penalty from France that Grayson, who kicked quite beautifully into the

wind, converted. Few England sides have played with the variety and control demonstrated in that first half, yet there remains a maddening inability to read the game, to change the grain of an attack, to offer instant support to the ball-carrier. However, an interval advantage of 14-6 - extended to 20-6 with the wind behind them - was surely an adequate platform from which to build an

TWICKENHAM DETAILS

ENGLAND: T R G Stimpson (Newcastle);
J M Sleightholme (Bath), W D C Cerling
(Harlequins), P R de Glamville (Bath,
saptain), T Underwood (Newcastle);
P J Grayson (Northempton), A C T Gomersall
(Wasps); G C Rowntree (Leicester),
M P Regan (Bristol), J Leonard (Harlequins),
L B N Dallagito (Wasps), M O Johnson
(Leicester), S D Shaw (Bristol), R A
Hill (Sarzeers), T A K Rodber
Nothermone (Arm)

FRANCE: J-I. Sadourny (Colomiers); L. Leffamand (Bourgoin), C. Lamaison (Brive), S. Glas (Bourgoin), D. Venditti (Brive); A. Penaud (Brive), P. Carbonneau (Brive); C. Califano (Toulouse), M. Dalmaso (Agen), F. Tournaire (Narbonne), A. Benazzi (Agen, captain), O. Merle (Montferrand), H. Miorin (Toulouse), O. Magne (Dad), F. Pelous (Dad), Miorin replaced by R. Castel (Bezers, 49min); Benazzi replaced by M. de Rougemont (Toulon, 65). Referee: J. M. Fleming (Scotland)

impressive victory save for the fact that this remains an immature England team, fragile in the key tactical area of half back.

You might also argue an immaturity of management in that Jack Rowell chose not to make tactical replacements in the second half. The game cried out for change at scrum half and in midfield, to offer a more positive threat than Gomarsall achieved and a footballing appreciation that Guscott might have provided. A fresh pair of legs in the pack might have helped, too, but that was left to France, who took off Miorin and were forced to remove Benazzi, their captain, with a rib cartilage

"Substitution is fraught with danger," Jack Rowell, the England coach, said, pointing towards France's situation which, once Castel was on the pitch, forced them to

bring on de Rougemont, the replacement hooker, for Benazzi. Yet the little red-head fizzed around and under his bigger opponents like a mosquito, while Castel reinforced the vigorous efforts of Magne, the newcomer on the flank, "I didn't want to disrupt what was going on." Rowell said, which ignores the fact that what was going on changed midway through the second half. If there was a turning point in the

match, it came in the 62nd minute. Grayson's kicking had been embellished by a wonderful try from Dallaglio on the stroke of half-time. Jim Fleming playing advantage well and the flanker using his considerable speed to force a diagonal passage to the line from 30 metres. Better finishing might have brought at least one more try and, for a lengthy period in the third quarter, England were pinned down on their own line, yet held. Their defence was all it should

have been, Benazzi had gone and the situation seemed right for the late coup de grace that distinguished England's meetings with

Scotland and Ireland. Regan's throw to the middle of a lineout, though, bobbled tantalisingly before falling to Magne, France drove and released before Lamaison chipped delicately into the wind, the ball held up and Leflamand snatched it from Underwood to score the try that told France that the match could still be won.

Critically, England helped the opposition cause by failing to find touch, offering an attacking runner as good as Sadourny the chance to weave his magic. Nothing is more dangerous than France on a roll, dominating the loose ball, asking the same questions of defenders that the New Zealand Barbarians did in November, and Lamaison, who opened the match with a penalty goal and dropped a goal after a needless free kick conceded by England, scored the second try after a series of short-side assaults and his conversion levelled the score. When Dallaglio fell offside, Lamaison could hardly miss from 16 metres and a famous victory had

RFU policy switch may enable **Rowell** to continue

By Dayld Hands

ALTHOUGH the Rugby Football Union (RFU) seems likely to change its policy of reviewing national management posts annually, speculation that this will be Jack Rowell's last season as the England coach seems premature. There is every chance that the RFU will adapt its approach so as to

retain his services. Rowell, who takes delight in obfuscation, will not commit himself to full-time coaching. 'i have other things in my life," he said on Saturday, not least a new appointment as chairman of Celsis, the Cambridge-based pharmaceutical group. "If I were offered a contract by the RFU, and I would like them to do so, the balance would have to be

Rowell's contract expires on August 31, after England's tour to Argentina and one-off international with Australia in Sydney - ventures upon which Rowell pins much importance. His future depends upon the recommendations of the union's national playing committee, whose chairman, Derek Morgan, said was moving towards a cycle of four-year appointments to coincide with World Cups.

Morgan's view, said to be shared by his committee, is that the next coaching appointment will extend to the 1999 World Cup. "Yet there should not be a hard and fast rule on whether the appointment is full-time," Morgan said. "It's important to get the right individual and the job can be tailored towards his

requirements, if necessary."

The RFU hopes to attract National Lottery cash to fund future coaching positions. though money is not necessarily the main attraction for Rowell. He has discussed the future with the committee, of



Rowell: speculation

which he is a part, and whose next meeting will probably be deferred until after the climax to the five nations' championship, on March 15.

By that time, the RFU may also know whether its commitment to a five-year agreement with Sky television has cost the support of Save and Pros-per, the investment company that has backed England's domestic matches for the past 12 years. The union makes a presentation to the company today, hoping to convince it to take up another three-year agreement. However. Save and Prosper is known to be unhappy at the absence of live terrestrial coverage of internationals at Twickenham for the next five years.
The RFU's agreement with

BSkyB (part-owned by News International, the owner of The Times) requires the television company to find a terrestrial partner offering delayed transmission, but Save and Prosper does not believe that that will offer the same benefits as live coverage. They and the Celtic nations, who now have an agreement with the BBC, would be fascinated to see whether England's £87.5 million deal falls down if no terrestrial partner is

Grayson's failure to find the magic touch proves costly

David Miller applauds England's adventurous approach but

laments their lack of tactical flexibility when France responded

ngland supporters body had pleaded, especially wended their way after the 1991 World Cup semihome, after a memorable match yet a defeat infinitely hard to swallow, wistfully longing for the sure, steady boot of a Rob Andrew. Stupendous recovery it may have been by France, from the verge of annihilation, yet accuracy by Paul Grayson, in both placekicking and out of hand, could and probably would have prevented France's neroic reversal.

What irony there was here. For years, there had been criticism of the remorseless kicking by Andrew, which had provided the platform for no less remorseless dominance by England packs, a parsimonious tally of tries yet a string of successes under Geoff Cooke's management. Give us open rugby, every-

final Jack Rowell promised to do so. On Saturday, for 52 minutes, up to the moment of Grayson's dropped goal and then penalty goal that put England 20-6 in front, England did just that.

Rippling interplay and rap-id handling by forwards and backs flooded the defence. It was the most exciting rugby seen from England at Twickenham in ten years, to my recollection.

The tries, though, did not come, apart from Dallaglio's, moments before half-time. Had Grayson not squandered penalty kicks, admittedly against the wind, in the 28th and 38th minutes, and then the conversion of the try, England may indeed have been beyond reach.

started to flag. For eight grinding minutes, after the

enalty goal that made it 20-6. France were camped on the England line in the left cor-ner. The situation desperately called for the touch-finding eye of an Andrew to bring relief and a breather. Under itense pressure, Grayson's was hurried and shallow.

England finally When dragged the ball upfield, twice more touch kicks flew straight into the arms of Sadourny. that great counter-attacking full back, or Venditti on the left wing. Immediately, the flamboyant, now inspired.

France backs were searing this way and that against a suddenly anxious defence. When Grayson did find reasonable length with a penalty kick for touch. England lost the lineout from which came

t would be harsh to say that one man's misjudg-L ment on the day cost England victory, for this was ultimately a collective failure born of collective inexperience. As Rowell was quick to say, there are ten new faces in this still developing team.

Nor is the criticism suggest ing that Gravson should be discarded, quite apart from

the fact that the better standoff halves in English rugby are now foreign imports such as Lynagh and Stransky. Grayson had played his part in the swashbuckling running of the first half to the full. In the seventh and lifteenth minutes, for instance, there had been moves of 11 and nine

passes, respectively, England roaring across the field, the tumbling, stumbling blue-shirted tackles failing to halt a recently discovered confidence. How close England then were to duplicating their scores against Scotland and Ireland.

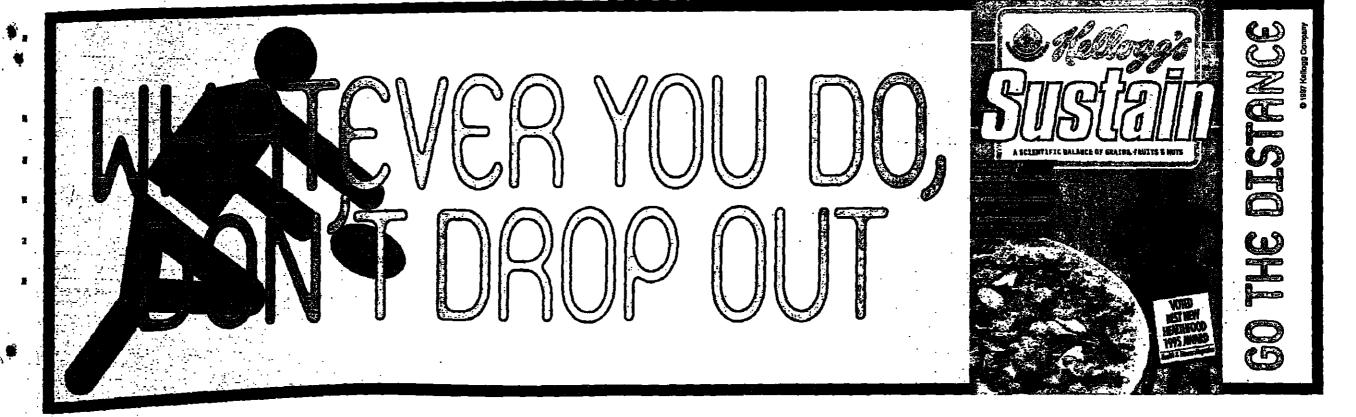
Rowell, his emotions temporarily sand-blasted by the nent, imminent victory crumble to dust, reflected that it was difficult to close things down, to convert from open play to the pragmatic expediency so favoured by the Cooke regime. "We don't want to

play like that," he said. Yet flexibility of tactics is essential, and in this Rowell looks to de Glanville for onfield adjustment. On Saturday, for whatever reason, this was not to be seen Should Rowell have at-

tempted tactical replacement? Perhaps Catt for Grayson and Gomarsall, who looks so inventive in a winning team, but in a side under pressure tends regularly to choose the wrong option. "One has to be very careful," Rowell said. "I did think about it, but didn't want

believing that, once we got more ball, we would reimpose ourselves. France managed to turn the psychology of the game, and against good teams it's difficult to get that back." Any great sporting event is dependent as much on the quality of the performance of the losers as of the winners. For spectators of either calling, this had been a magnifi-

cent afternoon of rugby, and, if England painfully learnt some lessons, it will have done them no harm provided that they have indeed learnt. Rowell suggested that there would be few, if any, changes against Wales, but that upand-coming candidates were going to get their chance. The Rowell revolution is by no means blown off course by this one marginal setback.



Cantona returns in cruise control

Manchester United3
Coventry City1

BY SIMON BARNES

"'WHAT is the use of running away? I am sure to catch you. Little fool, look at me!' Darzee's wife knew better than to do that, for a bird who looks at a snake's eyes gets so frightened that she cannot move."

The parts of Darzee, the tailor-bird's wife and of Nagina, the snake, were played out before us at Old Trafford, with the difference that Coventry City did look into the eyes of the cobra, and the laws of The Jungle Book are ineluctable.

You could almost hear Cantona saying: "Little fool, look at me," as, after 3min

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40sec of the match, he pushed a through-ball in for Cole. And Breen looked, for he knew no better, and he and his team paid the price. He intercepted adroitly and, with exquisite placement, sent the ball rolling gently past his goalkeeper. Ogrizovic, and just inside the far post.

After 4min 34sec. Manchester United swept up the field again: Beckham. Giggs, Cruyff and then Cole's shot. Wide, as usual, but Jess, too, had stared into the serpentine eyes and was lost. He turned Cole's shot past his own goals within a minute, and that was the end of that as a compelling competitive spec-

note.

Now there can be no doubting that United's power of rendering their opponents helpless with a basilisk stare is the gift of Cantona, who returned to the side on Satur-

day after one of his regular absences on suspension. In seasons past, his return would have been greeted with hosannas and a flourish of trumpets.

In fact, it was a routine absence, and his team have continued their routine progress in the FA Carling Premiership. Cantona in, Cantona out, it does not really matter these days; but not because Cantona is a lesser player than he was — although he is.

No, the fact is that these

days, whether he is fit, injured or suspended, United have Cantona with them always. In a sense, Manchester United is Cantona. Football clichés come and go, but I think I can claim - modestly, modestly - to have invented one. This is the word "talisman", and its adjective, "talismanic", as applied to a player whose value to the team is a semimystical thing, one that goes far beyond his individual contribution. Perhaps it was not me, but I think it was, and I used the word, naturally, for Cantona and the almost magical role that he played in the United side as it turned the corner from promise to fulfilment.

Perhaps, at his many former clubs, Cantona was hindered by the lack of a language barrier, but in Manchester there is no need for the ambiguities of verbal communication. Cantona can make a speech many pages long in exquisite blank verse, with resonant language and unforgettable imagery, simply by walking across the Old Trafford pitch with his collar up and his shoulder-blades

It is that perfect self-belief
that has infected Manchester
United and everything they
do. It fills them with utter selfdelight, and their opponents
with rage and fear, and the
supporters of other teams up
ho and down the country with
coruscating hate.

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It is said that a leader's greatest and final test is his departure, the handing-over of the reins. Perhaps this is true for a talisman as well. The fact is that Cantona is not quite the player that he was. He missed a hatful of chances on Saturday.

These days he is more of squad player than an absolute essential: but now, every player in the squad carries with him a little piece of Cantona. There are sublime talents in all kinds of places in the Premiership: but only one team walks in permanent

It is said that a leader's chin-high, chest-out cerreatest and final test is his tainty.

The monkey on the back for United has been European competition, and they finally got rid of that uncomfortable beast when they qualified from the Champions' League. Since doing so, their league form has been unstoppable. They play FC Porto in the quarter-finals of the European Cup on Wednesday: back to fighting on two fronts, and a new range of questions is to be asked of them. The season turns before us.

The match on Saturday was

more like a pre-season friendly: cheerful sunlight, plenty of substitutions and changes in formation, bench-warmers getting a full match for a change, and Irwin, Beckham and Giggs all being substitut-

ed to save their energies.

Gordon Strachan, the Coventry City manager, substituted Evtushok, his Ukrainian defender, because the player was "in shock" after the two own goals, one of the better reasons for a substitution. Poborsky scored Manchester United's third with an angled drive early in the second half.

There were thoughts abroad that Coventry were even worse than the Ipswich side that were beaten 9-0 by United a season or so back, but the champions were not in a hungry mood. United supporters were streaming away with 15 minutes left, which meant that they missed Huckerby's well-taken conso-

lation goal.

The eyes of Alex Ferguson, the United manager, lit up when Huckerby came up for discussion. Perhaps the steal of the season at £1 million from Newcastle United, he

looked a class above some of Ferguson's expensive acquisitions: Cole. Poborsky, Cruyff. Cantona was only a million quid himself. He remains English football's steal of the decade. In the team or out of it,

in form or off his game, it no

longer seems to matter. This is

Cantona United.

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Gallacher ensures
Blackburn rise above the frenzy

Blackburn Rovers Sunderland

By Mark Hodkinson

MONDAY morning, and a chill wind blows across the North East. Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, wanders among the tracksuits. "Right lads, take a jog to Newcastle and, when you get there, jump in the North Sea and swim down the coast to Hartlepool," he says.

Sunderland are a team of

Sunderland are a team of supreme athletes, with lungs to match their big hearts. They are the Royal Marines of the FA Carling Premiership—build them a wall, they will run through it.

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Their shortcoming, and it is pretty fundamental, is dealing with the additional factor of a football. They can kick one far and high, but chaperoning it is another matter.

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They average less than a goal per game, though their tackle ratio is probably the highest in the division. If there were an award for tackle of the month, we would habitually see slow-motion footage of Ball or Ord rising triumphantly from a tangle of arms, legs and shin pads.

Blackburn Rovers, in con-

Blackburn Rovers, in contrast, are fond of the quiet life. They pass the ball neatly and prefer to sidestep potential spats. Sunderland, the harbingers of hostility, would not let them go placidly amid the noise, and sucked them into a maelstrom. It took 84 minutes for Blackburn to assert their pre-eminence. When Gallacher drove a partial clearance through a cluster of players and into the Sunderland goal.

"The boy stuck it away great and there is no use moaning about it," Reid said. "I felt it was going to be 0-0. This league is a good league to be in and you've got to scrap to stay in it. I was pleased with my lads today, but we have a problem scoring goals."

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In spirit, at least, this was a 0-0. Neither team showed composure of character and all that remained was tedious endeavour. The wind swirled relentlessly, frustrating the good intentions of players such as Le Saux and Sherwood. Gallacher's sublime strike was the only moment when resolution met expertise.

"It was bitty; it looked like it would end up 0-0 from about ten past three," Tony Parkes, the Blackburn caretaker manager, said. "There was no flow. Sunderland don't give you a minute. They are harder to play against than a team like Manchester United."

He was asked whether a video of the match would be sent to Roy Hodgson, Blackburn's manager-in-waiting. Only the last ten minutes," Parkes joked. The other 80 minutes may well be useful for a compilation of thunderous tackles, glorious head-clashes and as a coaching aid, showing how to mistreat a football.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-3-1-2) T Flowers — J Kenna, H Berg, C Hendry, G Le Saux — T Shewood, L Bohmen J Wilcox — G Dons (sub P Warhurst, 40mm) — P Pederson (sub: N Marker, 89), K Gallacher SUNDERLAND (4-4-2). L Perez G Half, A Melville, R Ord, D kubickl — D Williams, P Bracewell (sub: A Ree, 84), k Ball, M Gray (sub: M Smith, 84) — J Multin (sub: C Russell, 74). D Kelly Reference R Dures.

Royle's music-hall jokers fail science test

Everton......0 Arsenal.....2

By David Maddock

THEY still talk about the "school of science" at Goodison Park. Indeed, the programme for the game on Saturday against Arsenal contained a two-page treatise on the subject.

For those with memories that do not span several decades, the Everton school of science described a visionary style of play crafted by Kendall, Ball and Harvey. It was football in its purer form; it is a style of play to which the club's supporters still

aspire.
That is where the problems start for Joe Royle. He has

spent close on E20 million producing a side familiar only with the science of destruction and their performance on Saturday seemed to be following the basic principle of Chaos Theory.

Everton were truly, awesomely, inept. It is hard to recall a display from an FA Carling Premiership side quite as bad as that conjured up by them during the first half of this contest. It was so bad it became entertaining, a music-hall act.

If it was vaudeville, then David Unsworth was the attraction. After a howler to gift Dennis Bergkamp the first goal for Arsenal on 21 minutes, his performance descended to the level of farce. By the interval, the crowd was tempted to shout "behind

you" every time he loitered on the ball. A small improvement followed when Craig Short went on for him after the break, but it was far too late.

It may be too late for Royle. "I don't think Arsenal could believe how easy it was to take the points without even playing well," he said. "We were just not good enough, and now we are looking over our shoulder at the relegation scrap. We really are going to have to do much better — and sooner rather than late."

Yet Royle it is who has spent so much money over three seasons to produce a side that is not good enough. There are many reasons for such a decline, principal among them the fact that Royle's management style is

at odds with Everton's tradition. He has always built teams that scrap their way to victory and buys players in that image, but such tactics are obsolete in the foreign inspired Premiership.

One suspects that Royle

may already have been scouring the situations vacant column had Everton possessed among their backroom staff a candidate for caretaker-manager.

Royle had to look at Arsene Wenger on Saturday to see the way forward for a Pre-

Royle had to look at Arsène Wenger on Saturday to see the way forward for a Premiership manager. He has crafted a side of balance — skill and commitment combined in equal measures to create a team with too much technique and intelligence for Everton.

verton. They killed off Everton in a more physical second period. Bergkamp embarrassed
Unsworth and then Southall
with a near-post shot, and
then Ian Wright repeated the
trick on 27 minutes with a
goal that owed much to glorious touch and instinct.
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Wenger, though, was still cautious, refusing to be carried away by a performance against a side of such obvious restriction. "I think we will need to defeat a few more teams before we can believe we can get back into the title chase," he smiled.

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EVERTON (4-3-1-2) N Southall — E Barrett, D Watson, D Unsworth (sub: C Short, 46mm), T Phelan — J Parkenson, C Thomson, G Speed — N Barmeth (sub: M Branch, 46) — D Ferguson, G Stuart, ARSENAL (3-5-2) J Luise — M Kroown, R Garde (sub: S Morrow, 46), S Marshall — L Dron, D Path, P Vieira, S Hughes, N Winterburn — I Wingit, D Berghamp, Referee, P Danson

Sharpe settles dull affair

Leeds United 1
West Ham United0

By Peter Ball

TWENTY-TWO years after his first novel, Joseph Heller wrote his second. It was called Something Happened. It took 600 pages before something did. It did not take quite that long at Elland Road on Saturday, it just felt like it.

This was simply an awful game — one that deserved to finish 0-0 rather than one in which Leeds United gained three points, which, incredibly, leaves them approaching a pocket of safety between clubs in the bottom half of the table, who could all still be relegated, and the half-dozen with European pretensions.

There are now two leagues in the FA Carling Premiership. People who watch the top teams on television may believe the hype about the greatness of the entertainment on offer. Those who go to Elland Road regularly know the truth—that, a top six or so apart, the standard is poor.

There were excuses on Saturday. The pitch is appalling. "The worst in the Premiership." Harry Redknapp, the West Ham United manager, said afterwards. A swirling wind made conditions worse, blowing so much litter across the ground that it resembled a bank holiday. "Someone behind me said: 'There's a lot of rubbish on the pitch', and I thought he was talking about the players," George Graham, the Leeds manager, said.

He might have been,

though. The goal was the only event worth noting and, in keeping with everything else, it was a chapter of West Ham errors. The goal was scandalous, a Sunday morning goal, Redknapp said.

Dicks took some of the

Dicks took some of the blame, but the main culpability was Miklosko's, the goal-keeper coming out too slowly as Dicks shepherded the ball. "He had enough time to come and throw his cap on it," Redknapp said.

Instead, the ever-willing Deane came in behind them and got a foot in. All three



Redknapp: complained

went down, the ball squirmed loose and Sharpe, following up, extricated it from the bodies and side-footed home.

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"I said to them at half-time that the only way we could lose this was if we made a mistake, because it was a banker 0-0," Redknapp said. "and so what do they do? It took them two minutes."

Slaven Bilic, the West Ham defender, agreed. "Leeds were very poor at the front, it was easy to cope with them, but the goal was very, very stupid," he said. "We tried to come back, but we didn't deserve to score because we were a bit poor up front as well."

Indeed they were, although, with Hartson suspended, only half the new strike force was on show. Dowie played the poor man's Hartson, throwing his elbows around. He looked a much better candidate for a red card than Hughes, who was dismissed for a little kick at Radebe, more petulant than vicious. Dowie, though, did hit the bar and Kitson put one half-chance, and one very good one, wide.

"I still think we'll get out of it," Redknapp said. Not like this, though.

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Middlesbrough fall short Sheffield Wednesday.....3 Middlesbrough.......1 were unable to trouble Pressman. Instead. Wednesday went further aband when the standard of justice was restricted to the standard of the standard

By Nick Szczepanik

A NUMBER of people were expressing the opinion before this game that Middlesbrough's latest cup success, the muddy midweek triumph away to Stockport County, might finally inspire some decent league form in those schizophrenic under-achievers — which goes to show how wrong you can be.

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, knew that recent history had been against it. "Every time we've played in the Coca-Cola Cup on a Wednesday, we've had our poorest performance of the season the following Saturday." he said. "In cup games, we fly out of the blocks. When we come back to the league, we're lethargic until something happens in the game."

It took 20 humdrum minutes in a difficult, swirling wind for something to happen on Saturday, and, inevitably, it happened to Middlesbrough. Pembridge was allowed to send in a hanging near-post cross and Booth headed Wednesday into the lead.

The goal woke Middlesbrough, but, although they caused moments of panic, they were unable to trouble Pressman. Instead, Wednesday went further ahead when Carbone flicked a pass over the defence: amid appeals for a handling offence as Mustoe attempted to clear. Hyde collected the loose ball and put it

coolly past Schwarzer.

Licensing Emerson to go forward at half-time gave Middlesbrough a more attacking look. One of his passes found Ravanelli, but he delayed his shot and the chance was gone. However, if Robson's plan was to luli Wednesday into a false sense of security, it worked. Emerson was allowed one pass too many and Steve Nicol. attempting an interception, found the ball rising off his outstretched shin and over the head of Pressman.

Middlesbrough were un-



Robson: subdued

able to capitalise on this and a semblance of justice was restored to the scoreline in the final minute when Vickers held back Booth after gifting the ball to him, Pembridge scoring emphatically from the penalty.

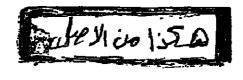
penalty.

"We scored at vital times," David Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, said. However, while he nobly refused to be drawn on Robson's difficulties, some comments were revealing. "No individual is more important than the team," he said. "You've got to have players who want to play when the other team have the ball."

Robson, who faces league and FA Cup games against Derby County this week, was understandably subdued, even when it was suggested that such performances often result in dismissal for managers not advancing towards Wembley on two fronts. "In the first half it was very poor," he said. "The lads battled hard in the second half, but it was too late." Too late too, perhaps, for Middlesbrough's Premiership status.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-3-1-2). N. Pressman — S. Nicol, J. Newsome, D. Walter, I. Notan — G. Hyde (sub. D. Stelenome, Sommin, P. Alfration, M. Perritonige — 8 Carbone (sub.: R. Blanker, 78). — D. Hirst (sub.: R. Humphreys, 78). A. Booth, MEDDLESSROUGH (4-4-1-1). M. Schwer.

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Referee: G Willard.



Gallacher ensures 13 Blackburn rise above the frenzi

FOOTBALL: FRENCHMAN'S SECOND-HALF DISMISSAL TRANSFORMS BASEBALL GROUND ENCOUNTER AS GULLIT'S MEN LOSE THEIR WAY

Rare lapse by Leboeuf hands initiative to Derby



Leboeuf: instinctive

HE made the lonely trek from reached for his red card, and Aljosa tion, Frank Leboeuf cast his eyes towards the touchline, where a sympathetic figure extended a hand. He accepted it, briefly, before continuing through the tunnel into the dressing-room to reflect in solitude.

The friendly palm belonged to Jim Smith. Seconds later it was formed into a clenched fist and raised towards the sky in delight. As Smith, the Derby County manager, appreciated. Leboeuf, unable to conquer his instinct, had literally handed the advantage to Derby. Chelsea were 2-1 ahead, the game

entering its final half-hour, when Lebocuf thrust out his limb in a desperate bid to prevent Daryl Powell's shot from crossing the line. Retribution was instant. Lebocuf, who had given his side the lead eight minutes earlier, knew his fate before Alan Wilkie, the referee,

the field, his head bowed in resigna-"I thought the ball had already crossed the line and my only hope was that the referee would give the goal," Leboeuf said. "I have no guilt.

I did not make a mistake because I

tried to save a goal, but I knew the consequences immediately."
How the game changed. Much has been written since last August of Chelsea's cosmopolitan flair, but, until Leboeuf's dismissal, their resolve in defence had been more conspicuous. Leboeuf was a step ahead of the Derby attackers, while Steve Clarke proved a robust barrier and Frode Grodas, the goalkeeper, remained sound under a

succession of high balls. Roud Gullit, the player-manager, introduced himself at the expense of Vialli and moved into the back three. There, he proved a loose

Newcastle United Southampton

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portant to themselves.

day. A week today, they go to

Antield for a match that they

must win to retain an interest

in the FA Carling Premier-

They did not show nearly

enough interest against

Southampton. Asprilla flut-

tered to some effect and

Ginola made a couple of

pleasing runs when he re-

placed Ferdinand, but this

was a disjointed performance.

Newcastle looked moderate,

nowhere near the equals of

Manchester United whom

they lashed 5-0 three months

ago amid much waving of

scarves and clanking of rattles.

lot to them as goalscorer and

general talisman, and they

Shearer obviously means a

ship title.

By Michael Henderson

Richard Hobson sees an injury-time winner cost Chelsea all points after twice conceding a lead

ward in possession, Derby worked harder to secure the ball and exploit the gap. Indeed, Gullit was forced off 17 minutes after his introduction having made a tackle on Powell. A reluctant player this season, an ankle injury has removed the option

for the near future. Chelsea regrouped for a second time, but the question was whether Derby, pressing relentlessly now, could take the lead, having recovered parity twice, in the time remaining. Grodas parried a shot from Powell and Ashley Ward hit over from the edge of the six-yard box as the tension intensified.

The Derby supporters had grown restless at the time taken to treat Gullit. Ultimately, they were grateful for the injury time that it generated. With 92 minutes gone, Gary Rowett hooked in a cross from the left and, when Grodas attempted to smother Dean Sturridge's shot, the ball trickled to Ward, who scored from three yards.

Maybe Chelsea were still feeling the effects of FA Cup tie against Leicester last Wednesday, not only the draining 120 minutes, but also the subsequent publicity that surrounded the decisive penalty. Erland Johnsen was absent, Eddie Newton strained a calf in the warmup and Gullit opted to rest Gianfranco Zola.

However, Viaili rarely posed a threat, as far behind the play as Leboeul was in front of it. The fact that Derby were vulnerable when Roberto di Matteo carried the ball from midfield implied that Zola would have enjoyed himself, especially as the pitch did not cut up as

Gullit anticipated.

Derby themselves had no qualms in feeding Asanovic, their own willo'-the-wisp. Over Christmas and new year he became lost in the physical demands of his central position no matter how many minders Smith employed around him. Here, kissing the left touchline,

he found space aplenty. We have started to realise that you can give a quality player the ball even when he is marked," Smith said of Asanovic. "He actually likes it when there is somebody tight on him because he can turn."

Asanovic began the move that led to Derby's first equaliser, in the 51st minute, an own goal from Scott Minto that Ward has claimed.

the fifteenth minute when he broke along the left, as a good wing back should, to meet an incisive pass

from Paul Hughes.
Despite Chelsea trailing
Manchester United, the leaders, by 15 points, Graham Rix remained adamant that they are still potential champions when he addressed the press in the absence of Gullit, who was receiving treatment afterwards. The pleasing thing is that we showed great spirit and determination despite everything that went wrong." Rix, the assistant manager. said. It seemed a very un-Chelses

thing to say. DERBY COUNTY (3-4-3): R Hour — C Dailly, I Stream, J Laursen — I. Carsley, R van der Laan, D Poweli, G. Rowett — D Sturndge, A Ward, A

Asanovic.
CHELSEA (3-5-2): F Grodas — S Ctarke, F
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Nichola, 78
Referee: A Wilkle

out the stops to complete Bassett's day

Tottenham Hotspur...... 0 Nottingham Forest......1

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

IT WAS Dave Bassett's first game with Nottingham Forest, Tommy Wright's last. Forest won it; thanks to a goal of inspired opportunism by Dean Saunders, but, above all, thanks to a superb exhibition of goalkeeping by Wright.

Bassett, who has suddenly jumped ship from soggy Selhurst Park, is the new general manager of Forest, lining up alongside Stuart Pearce, his player-manager, whose return to the side on Saturday was important.

Wright, the Northern Ireland goalkeeper, has been on loan to Manchester City, and will return to them, perma-nently, today. "Tommy Wright did his business," Bassett said. "He made a couple of good blocks." It was a case of damning with faint

Steve McManaman 33 Fading Feethams Bolton stretch lead.

praise. Bassett was nearer the mark when he added: "The good thing for him is he knew he was going; the result for him wasn't important. It shows what a good professionai he is."

Those of us who saw the series of small miracles that Wright pulled off a few weeks ago in Palermo, playing for Northern Ireland against Italy, were hardly surprised.

Wright began his series of saves after 12 minutes. Steffen Iversen, the blond Norwegian striker, came in from the left on to Sheringham's pass: Wright repelled his shot. Five minutes from half-time, when Wilson shot from the left, Wright got to that, as well but his best saves were reserved for the second half.

The half was three minutes old when Chettle bizarrely missed his kick. Sheringham's drive was blocked by Jerkan. Nielsen thumped the ball back again, but Wright turned it over the bar. Four minutes later, when Sheringham slid Iversen through a gap, Wright hurled himself to save that shot, too. Then, after 81 minutes, he dived bravely at Sheringham's feet for good

measure. Sheringham's ankle has not yet healed, but, when Gerry

Hotspur manager, discovered that Darren Anderton's hamstring had tightened up. he decided that Sheringham had play. Francis, strangely, said nothing about Wright, but lamented his team's poor finishing. "We've certainly created our chances, we've certainly made our opportunities, but we haven't taken them," he said. "When you do that, you can't make any excuses."

Forest's main chance went in with a vengeance. After 17 minutes, with Tottenham's defence torpid. Pearce took a free kick, which Chettle moved on to Saunders. There seemed little danger until Saunders electrically pivoted and hit a deadly, low, right-footed shot into the opposite corner of the

Football being the perverse game that it is, Forest could even have doubled the lead when Haaland found himself clear with just Walker to beat, but his shot was weak.

Irving Scholar, the new

saviour of Forest, who demes that he was ever Tottenham's ruin, did not attend a game that might have given him a deep satisfaction. Under his volatile regime, Tottenham failed in their commercial schemes, had to sell their training ground and nearly brought in Robert Maxwell.

Now Scholar and his group are supposedly putting £16 million into the pot. Bassett insists that it will not be spent rashly. "You give the players in charge a chance, first," he said. "If we do sign anybody, we want to make sure it's the right guy."

At Pearce's behest, Bassett had a few things to say at halftime, and, although he will be going to the training ground. Bassett insists that Pearce is still the main man, even if his desire is to go on playing.
"He's a bright enough fel-

low to know what he wants." Bassett said. "He knows he's going to be Nottingham Forest's manager in a few years. I'll probably be dead!" As for Tottenham, who play at Roker Park tomorrow. Francis said: "I'm quite happy to go to Sunderland, have a disastrous performance and win 1-0."

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (3-5-2)- I Walker — C Calderwood, S Campbell, J Scales — D Austin (sub. R Rosenthel, 72min), A Nelsen, A Striton (sub. J Dozzal, 55), D Howels, C Wilson — E Sheringham, S Versen.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-5-1): T Wright — D Lydis, S Chettle, N Jerken, S Peacre N Clough, C Cooper, A I Healand, C Allen (sub: D Philips, 85), S General — D Saundars

Wright pulls | Newcastle betray signs of weakness | Elliott making



Le Tissier strikes the winner, a left-footed volley, at St James' Park

will miss him badly, just as United have, on occasions. missed Cantona. The difference is that, where Alex Ferguson has other key players in Keane, Giggs, Schmeichel and Beckham (not to mention a solid, underrated defender like Irwin) Newcastle have one other player of real stature, and he - Peter Beardsley - is not considered worthy of a place in the side, even when

the side is patched up. It is said that Beardsley's legs have gone, but, even if that is so, there is always a brain ticking away and Newcastle could have done with some of his intelligence in the 71 minutes that he did

not play on Saturday, when game was there to be shaped. Lee does not make things happen; he responds to others' promptings. Clark has never accomplished much and Barton is a jobbing pro.

To give Southampton their due, they defended in depth and their goal was protected splendidly by Taylor, who saved well from Ferdinand and Gillespie and gave a general impression of competence. Newcastle attacked desperately towards the end. Neilson blocking one shot by Albert with his face. Albert then heading over from a good position. Nobody can deny, though, that, for their spirited resistance. Southampton were worth the win. Their goal came from Le

Tissier's left foot and was struck from 18 yards as he raced onto Van Gobbel's long ball from right back. Beautifully taken as it was, one had to wonder just what Albert and Peacock were doing. Even on the wrong side of 40, Hansen and Lawrenson, Daiglish's former Liverpool

teammates, could surely play

better in their civvies than this

With better luck and a steadier aim, Ostenstad could have hit a hat-trick before half-time. Albert denied him with a fine tackle on one occasion, but that merely compensated for his initial error in allowing Ostenstad to get away from him in the first induigent, Le Tissier exacted a merciless price when he got his chance and nobody in the stadium could have been the least bit surprised.

It will be surprising if Dalglish does not amend significantly the team that he has taken over, but it will take longer than a week to sort it out and it will cost a few bob. Certainly, Jean Tigana, the coach of Monaco, who was at St James' Park, will have a simple message to impart to his players: Newcastle are

his players: Newcastle are there for the taking.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-2.) S Histop.— S Wiston, D Peacock, P Albert, R Elicit.

— K Gallespie, R Liee, W Barton, L Clark (sub-P Beardsley, 71 min).— F Aspirita, L Ferdinand (sub: D Girota, 45).

SOUTHAMPTON (4-5-1): M Taylor.— U ven Gobbel, C Lundelwam, R Dryden, F Bengis.— S Charlton (sub: P Stater, 61). J Magdion. A Neison, M Le Tissier (sub: C Warren, 77). E Berkovic (sub. N Maddison, 67).— E Ostenstad.

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most of late opportunity

Leicester City3

By PAT GIBSON

TIME seemed to stand still at Selhurst Park on Saturday when a corner from the left flicked off the head of a Wimbledon defender and landed invitingly at the leet of Matt Elliott, who was stand-ing in splendid isolation on the right hand corner of the sixyard box. So much so that John Rob-

ertson, the Leicester City coach, who knew a little bit about taking his time when he was playing on the left wing for Nottingham Forest, was almost tearing his hair out and shouting: "He's taking too

long."
Martin O'Neill, the manager, knew better. He was far more relaxed as Elliott, his shaven-headed, 6ft 3in central defender let the ball bounce a couple of times before drilling it unerringly past Sullivan in the Wimbledon goal.

"I knew he wouldn't take too long," O'Neill said afterwards. "He fancies himself as a goalscorer. He fancies himself full stop."

compliment. Elliott is neither the hard man he looks nor the big head O'Neill made him sound. He is a thoroughly honest professional who has reached the heights of the FA Carling Premiership the hard way, and he is now making the most of the opportunity he has been given at the age of 28.

Elliott has something in common with Wimbledon's own talismanic Vinnie Jones, in that he went off to work in the building trade, labouring, roofing, that kind of thing, after turning his back on football at 14 because he found the prospect of signing schoolboy forms for Crystal Palace 'a bit too heavy".

He re-emerged in non-League football with Epsom and Ewell, joined Charlton Athletic only to be released after one season, and then worked his way up through the ranks with Torquay United, Scunthorpe United and Oxford United before Leicester paid £1.6 million for

him a few weeks ago.
The bargain of the season? "I wouldn't get carried away on one game," O'Neill said, "but he has been brilliant for us and today he was a colossus."

While Jones's celebrity stahis was being confirmed by an invitation to start the National Lottery, Elliott was inspiring Leicester to a victory that lifted them to an improbable tenth in the Premiership and which,

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in financial terms, could be worth even more than the jackpot.

O'Neill is still looking over his shoulder at the teams below them ("I'm always concerned," he said. "We might not get another point."), but he is running out of adjectives to describe the achievements of a team who were favourites to go straight back down after scraping into the Premiership

through the play-offs.

This time he chose "unbelievable" and "frightening after they had shrugged off the bitter midweek disappointment of going out of the FA Cup to that cruel Chelsea penalty by scoring three goals in the first 32 minutes. Elliott helped himself to a second, again at the far post from a corner, but with greater alacrity from closer range, and Robins added a third with a spectacular overhead kick after the impressive Heskey had pulled the ball back from



Elliott: double strike

Wimbledon were without Leonhardsen, Ekoku and Gayle, as well as Jones, but that hardly excused the inept defending which suggested that the prospect of playing in two cup finals is having its effect, for all the protestations of Joe Kinnear, their manager.

to the contrary.

They were sufficiently stung to launch a sustained second half barrage, but all it yielded was one goal, ferociously lashed in by Holdsworth in the 67th minute as Leicester, themselves missing key players in Keller, Parker, Claridge and Marshall, rode the luck

they deserved. Kinnear kept his players locked in the dressing-room for an age on Saturday night "to clear their heads" for the game away to Coventry City tonight, which will be their fourth in nine days.

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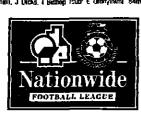
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SECOND DIVISION, 22: Thorpe (Luton) 20: Asaba (Brentford) 19: Bernes (Burnley) 18: Goater (Bristol City); Stovens (Shrewsbury); Angell (Stockport) 18: Carleson (Blackpool, 16 for Scurithorpe); Ouern (Blackpool); Elis (Blackpool), 15: Onuora (Gülingham); Evans (Plymouth), Lightpourne (Walsus) 14: Advisibola (Crewo), Carter (Bury' Crawford (Mawaii)
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Booked: Pearce, Cooper, Lyttle.

Referee: J Winter. 11.40' coons s.2' coons s.2' white dots. N. Curningham, A. Kimble, D. Blackaell, R. Earle, D. Holdssorth, C. Petry, J. Goodman (sub: S. Castiadine, B3min), N. Autley, A. Clarke (sub: M. Harford, A5min), P. Fess.
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Booked, Hickey, Prior Referee; G. Ashby

Protection of the Manchester United to P. Schmeichel & Heinfle, D. Brum (out: P. Neville, Albrim). D. May, G. Pallicier, F. Cantona, A. Cole, D. Beckhem I sub. B. McChau, S. Simon). R. Goglis I sub. R. Johnsen, 7 (man). J. Croyff, K. Paborsky.
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7 (man). J. Croyff, K. P. Shara, J. Willeams, E. Jess, N. Whetan. D. Dublin. G. McAllister. M. Half. (sub. P. Teller, 49mon). A. Evustook (sub. P. Notional, 30min). G. Breen, O. Hursiester. (0) O SOUTHAMPTON Le Tissier 56 Newcastle United. S Histop, S Watson, D Pearack, P Albert, R Etkoll, W Barlon, L Clark Foth P Beardsley, 71mm), R Lee, K Gilfespie, F Asprilla, L Ferdinand (sub. D Ginola, 45mm), Yesterday A VILLA Taylor 83 (0) 1 LIVERPOOL 39,339 Boolweit, Agerita.
Southampton: M Taylor, R Dryden, C Lundelvarn, U van Gobbel, F Bensel, S Charlton (sub. R Staler 67mm). A Neilson, J Magilton, E Berkonc, sub. M Maddison, 67min). M Le Tisser (sub. C Warnen, 77min). E Ocienstad. Aston Viller M Bosnich, F Nelson, A Wildin, U Ebiogo, Staunton (sub. D. Hughes, 46mia), G. Soudhgale, Tourcend, f Taylor, M Draper, S Milipsenc, D Yorke.

Liverpoot: D. James, D. Matteo, B. Kramme, J. McAteer, M. Wroph, S. I. Blomebye, S. McManarran, S. Collymore (sub. P. Berger, S. Amin), R. Fowler, J. Barnes, J. Redirango, Booked: Collymore GOALSCORERS I Winght (Arsenall
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TODAY FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Coventry v Wimbledon (2 0) TOMORROW

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Internazionale: CD Tenerile v Brondby (9.30). FC Schake v
Valenca CF (7.45), Newcastle v AS Monaco (8.0)

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Sunderland v Tottenham (7.45).

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bentsley v Swindon
(7.45), Briningham v Wolverhampton (7.45); Chratton v Cusens
Pain, Rangers (7.45), Crystal Pelace v Botton (7.45), Hutdorsfield v Oxford Unded (7.45); Ipswich v Bradford (7.45); Oxform v
Tranmere (7.45), MiScoond division: Brentford v Wycombe
(7.45); Bury v Shrewsbury (7.45); Chesterheid v Luton (7.45);
Peterborough v Wadrod (7.45); Walsali v Bristol Cay (7.45)
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Second division: Brechtin v Hamilton; Clyde v Dumbarton WEDNESDAY EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-finats, first leg: Apa. v Atléboo Madind, Bonuscia Dortmund v Ausarre, Manufrester United v FC Porto; Rosenborg v Juventus

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea v Blackburn (7.45). "Le-cester v Aston Villa (7.45); Middlesbrough v Derby (7.45), Not-lingham Forest v Shelfield Wednesdey (7.45), Southampton v Everion.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v
Portsmouth (7 45): Stoke v Grensby (7 45). West Bromanch v
Southend (7 45)

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Rath v
Nimamock Third division: Albion v Alica.

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FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Notwigham Forest
Leds v Everton: Sunderland v Marchester United. Postponed:
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Bischburn
NATION/MIDE LEAGUE. First division: Embirgham v Southend: Bollon v Symdon: Bradical v Grimsby, Charlion v Crystal
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"Official United v West Bornbergh Queens Pair Ranges v
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County v Cleve, Primouth - Pothemann: Presson v Bredford;
Sockport v Birdshad v Streessbury, Wycombe v Bristol
Rovers; York v Bacacood. Toted division: Brighton v Leyton
Orient. Chesser v Berner: Donastor v Hull, Fulham v
Sombrough, Hereford v Nothampter: Linchin v Harleyoot
Mansleid v Cardi: Rochder v Wigan, Southorpe v Cartisle:
Swarssa v Ember Totally v Darlinger:
VALINHALL CONFERENCE: Bath v Bromsgrove Galesnead v FA CUP: Shith round: Destry v Michelbrough

VALOCHALL CONFERENCE: Halitax v Hednesford (7 45). Stalybridge v Galestread (7 45): Wolking v Hayes (7 45). Spalding Cup: Semi-final: Postponed: Morecambe v Macclesheld Skensea v Euros Totulay v Darkington VALINHALL CONFERENCE Bath v Bromsgrove Galesmead v Working Hayes i Morecarthe Kettering v Rushden & Damondes Koddeminister v Haliza. Southport v Famborough Staybridge v Alterchain, Steemage v Northwich Tellord v Stought Reining v Manclesseld BBLL'S SCOTTISH LEAGURE Premier division: Herman v Duntermine Second division: Ayr v Cueer Of South, Oyde v Stratuser, Dumberton v Berwich Hamilton v Brechnit Juringston v Sterfthusertain. Third division: Alba v Abron; Abroath v Fortan Montrose v East Striking Queen's Park v Inverness CT. Pass Court's v Courter-basth.

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fifth round: Fellark v Rath: Greenook Micron v Kemantock, Dumber Lineed v Motherwell.

FA CUP: Softh round: "Chesterfield v Wresham (11.30), "Portsmouth v Chelsea (1.30) She'held Wednesday v Wimbledon (4.10)



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their Italian League match which Juventus won 2-0. Photograph: Mauro Pilone.

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Small clubs have to accept the hand that feeds them

feeder dub is? The announcement of closer links between Liverpool and Crewe Alexandra has inspired a lot of talk about how smaller clubs must face up to the future by becoming "feeder" clubs, but I am not sure many people fully understand the concept

Crewe are certainly not going to be a feeder club for Liverpool As I understand it, the

clubs are forging closer ties which are mutually beneficial, but Liverpool do not get automatic first call on their players - that is still dictated by

the market. I don't think the Crewe fans would be happy with anything more formal than that, because it would be selling off the identity of their team. Instead of being a small club with a big reputation and a realistic prospect of going even higher than they are at

present in the Nationwide League, they would simply be Liverpool reserves.

Crewe could easily win promotion to the first division next season and, with the wealth of young talent they have, who knows where they could go from there? This is what I have against the feeder-club system. Football is about dreams, even if they

are outrageous dreams. Support-ers want to believe 'Sadly, I can that their team, no matter how small, can do a Wimbleway forward' don — or even a Crewe — and move up the divisions.

They want to believe that their team can do a Chesterfield or Wrexham, and stand on the verge of the FA Cup semi-final. Or do a Stockport, and have real hope for the future, even in the shadow of such popular clubs as Manchester United and City.

But if your club is a feeder club. what then? When you produce a

decent young player, surely he will automatically be swept off by the bigger club? If that happens regularly, then there would be no hope of going any higher because you would constantly lose your best players. How can supporters put up with that? They wouldn't have any dreams, any crazy ideas; they would just have a reserve team plodding along in a lower

In saying all that, sadly I can see that it is the way forward. The Bosman roling will have more impact on the future of the game that anyone yet imagines. At the top, there will be difficulties in holding on to players and in meeting the wage demands of the very best players because they are bound to spiral. The free transfer permissable at the end of contracts will ensure that,

But the big clubs will survive. flourish even, because the money coming into the game at the highest level seems to increase all the time. Television deals, share flotations, pay-per-view ... they McMANAMAN



all bring the money into the game that makes the biggest clubs look healthier propositions than ever

At the bottom, though, it will be different story. Clubs in the lower divisions have, for years, sold their best players to survive. If that avenue is denied them - as it largely will be under the

Bosman ruling — then what do they have left? Only those clubs with healthy youth programmes that ensure a constant stream of new players will survive, but how do they pay for it?

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The feeder system is the answer, but there is a heavy price to pay. Long-term survival under such circumstances means that the very identity of the club will be undermined. It is a bit like selling your soul to the devil.

There doesn't seem to be any other easy option, though. You can see, for instance, why Crewe would want closer ties with Liverpool. If they have an agreement with us, they could get a sensible fee for players — such as Rob Jones — that come to us, when otherwise, under Bosman, they would get little or nothing if they went elsewhere. They will also benefit by taking some of the decent players we have who don't quite make it. Phil Charnock, for

instance, has gone to Gresty Road recently and done well. in the past, when a smaller club

someone has always come along and put the money up to save it. I hope that continues, I really do, because I would hate to see the identity of football in this country changed dramatically; but I fear that it cannot continue along the

same lines for ever. Brighton. Bournemouth and Miliwall are all struggling, and there are many

more in similar positions. You get **'But there is** the feeling that when one goes it will collapse like a a heavy house of cards and price to pay a whole batch of smaller dubs will

go under, because there are simply not that many people out there these days prepared to put in the sort of money required to keep a club going.

When people at other clubs see what is going on, they will naturally question their own longterm prospects. It could be a domino effect. Football needs

constant new blood, it needs the lower divisions. That is why I think that clubs that do survive will be courted by their bigger neighbours, at least to establish ties such as we have with Crewe and Juventus are apparently try-ing to establish with Oxford. It is a relatively uncomplicated way of ensuring that some of the money at the top trickles down

Supporters of the smaller clubs will surely not enjoy the prospect of their team churning out players for other teams to enjoy their best years, but

there could be some advantages. If Crewe reach the play-offs at the end of May, then there could be at least two loan forms winging their way to Football League headquarters in Blackpool S McManaman and R Fowler - two promising young-sters who might be able to do a bit of a job for them at Wembley. Fair

Blake goal

proves

a worthy

winner

BY PETER BALL

THE Nationwide League first division championship is becoming less a race than a procession. Bolton Wanderers

yesterday extended their lead

at the top to 12 points, winning an untidy match with a bit more to spare than the

though, would have stood out

in any game. Nathan Blake's

effort ranked with any of his

spectacular goals this season as he picked the ball up just

inside West Bromwich Albi-

on's half to advance and slam

the ball left-footed into the top

corner from fully 20 yards.

Miller got his fingertips to it,

but it would have needed a lot

more than that to intercept it.

The goal apart, it was not

one of Bolton's better perfor-

mances. A dead pitch and a high wind put a premium on

control and passing accuracy,

but it did not need to be one of

their better performances.

West Bromwich offered lit-

tle as a creative force without

Hunt and Peschisolido; but

perhaps they were also embar-

rassed by their yellow and baby-blue kit, which no self-respecting Sunday pub side

Instead of drawing attention

to themselves by causing prob-

iems, they were happy to try to

keep it tight, but Blake's goal

would have dared to wear.

narrow margin suggests. The goal that won

Bolton Wanderers West Bromwich Albion .0

Rivals tread warily on trapdoor to obscurity

Andrew Longmore goes in search of

endangered species at Darlington

arch adorned the entrance to Darlington Football Club. It swayed alarmingly in the gale that swept down across Safeways and the Grange Road Baptist Church on Saturday. The gallows for the manager," the gateman remarked, without saying which one. Actually, it carried the hotwater pipe for the showers, which have been moved - no one quite knows why - to an orange Legoland of Portakabins in the northwest corner

of the ground. Half an hour before kick-off, Hugh Pender risked life and limb beneath the creaking gallows and made his way to his usual station at the foot of another condemned pile of wood known as the East Stand, and prepared to watch the side that has long since replaced Falkirk as the first love of his footballing life. We've had some grand times," he mused. "We're either up the top or down the bottom. Never anything in between." Inside three seasons. Darlington went out of the league, returned, and were promoted to the old third

It takes a peculiar kind of perverseness to support a side fourth from bottom of the Nationwide League third division when there are three perfectly serviceable FA Carling Premiership clubs within an easy train ride, but, with his gnome-like white beard and irrepressible humour, you

makeshift wooden sense a non-conformist character well suited to a side nicknamed The Quakers.

In 1947, Pender captained a Scotland schoolboys team that included Ian McMillan and John Little, future internationals. He had to borrow Willie Waddell's shorts, which were about three sizes too big. His son, Rod, thought the tales fanciful until a letter arrived from the Scottish Football Association confirming the details and enclosing a tie and a trophy. Hugh Pender is 68 and has supported Darlington up and down for 30 years: all home games, many away.

"Last season, when we equalised against Scunthorpe offs. I ended up six rows down the stand on my back," he said. His true Scottish venom is reserved for the big-spenders of Middlesbrough and Newcastle United. They're squeezing the lifeblood out of the game because of sheer greed," he said. "How can you pay a player £25,000 a week, some not very good players.

These are not grand times at Feethams and not even a 2-0 victory over Brighton and Have Albion eased the worries over the future of the selfstyled friendly club. "Whatever they do out there," Keith Robson, the editor of The Tinshed - the pro-establishment one of the two fanzines said, pointing across the deserted pitch, "if we don't have a brick laid for the new stand by the end of April, there



might not be a club here anyway." That is when the £750,000 grant from the Football Trust expires, and the club is struggling to find the money to finance an ambitious 10,000-seat stadium on the present site.

The real tinshed is quaint. but not quite what Lord Justice Taylor had in mind for his spick and span vision of lowerleague football in the next millennium. There have been demonstrations, which gave the "Darlo" diehards something other than desperation in common with the visiting supporters. Robson found a ready market for his magazine among the fellow rebels in the Brighton end, where a "sack the board" banner was hung as a matter of course over the back railing.

David Bellotti, the Brighton chief executive, that his domestic troubles cannot be left south of the M25. At least he can sit in the directors' box away from home. At home, he is reduced to peeping between

the stands. Bellotti had a particular milestone to celebrate on Saturday, commemorated in a snapshot taken by a bemused Darlington steward. The visit to Feethams has completed Bellotti's set of 92 League grounds - an apt comment, if any were needed in this turbucoaster ride of Brighton through the divisions. From first (Highbury, in December 1979) to last (Feethams, March 1997), all teams and results have been recorded in a lightblue exercise book, "Actually, it's 96 grounds because some

clubs have gone out of the league and some have moved," he said.

Though bankrupt Bournemouth and their own on-field revival under Steve Gritt, the new manager, have given his club a glimmer of hope denied them when they were 13 points adrift before Christmas, Brighton could still be the next in line. Talks next week with the consortium bidding to take over the club might ease the crisis, but they will never satisfy the rump of supporters who do not consider Gillingham to be a decent alternative

to the Goldstone Ground. With a trapdoor out of the League creaking open for the losers on Saturday, the match was "a six-pointer", Ken Lavery, a former policeman turned secretary of Darlington, said, resorting to football

shorthand. End-game, more like. A surprise victory by Doncaster Rovers, the club second from bottom, over Wig-

an Athletic the previous night had heightened the tension In the changing-rooms minutes before kick-off. Gritt told his players to keep it tight for the first half. David Hodgson. his opposite number, asked his men for effort to match their skill. "If it comes down to football, we're better than them," he said.

He was right, too. The Quakers coped better with the gale than the Seagulls, scoring early through a free kick from Blake and increasing their lead with a neat, curling shot from Twynham midway through the first half. Strong and pacy, Twynham arrived at Feethams from Manchester

United via the local prison and

could be the next sale to stave off the VAT-man.

Victory put Darlington eight

points clear of Brighton. Whether that ensures their survival is another matter. Hodgson dismissed all talk of distractions. "As long as they've got hot water, showers and a pot of tea, the players are happy," he said. The referee was not. His shower was cold - but Pender went home whistling. He had written to Hodgson in the week. telling him what team to pick.

"You know, he did exactly what I told him to," he said. What I town (4-4-2): T Molaren — S Shaw, A Crosby, A Reed, R Hope — B Alkinson (sub R Kelly, Barnin), G Twynham, G Naylor, A Cerss — R Blake, D Phobetts (sub: G Innes, 52). BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION (4-4-2): M Ormerod — P Smith, G Hobson, D Allen, S Tuck — R Reinell, D Mundee (sub: J Peaks, 62), K Mayo, P McDonald (sub: S Fox, 78) — I Bard, C Maskell. Reference G Cain.

Reference G Cain.

ended that play just before half-time. West Bromwich have now lost three of their four games since Ray Harford took over, and, once they went behind yesterday, there was little sug-

estion that they would come There is a bit of work to be done, but I was pleased with our defending," Harford said. We showed good discipline and organisation and there was a time when I thought Bolton were running out of

ideas. We were missing a couple of key strikers and were always going to be a little bit paperweight up front." If West Bromwich defended well as a unit, as Harford claimed, there was little doubt that the key figure was Alan Miller, who made his debut on loan from Middlesbrough a

saves to deny McGinlay and Frandsen. Had one of those gone in, it would have given a fairer reflection of the play. With Francisen and Sellars supplying the moments of quality on view. Bolton always looked to

memorable one with splendid

have the extra class. Their position at the top clearly reflects that. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager. said: "When I look at the game, I think Keith Branagan had perhaps one shot to save, and overall we never looked like conceding a goal. The conditions weren't ideal, but we stuck at it. We're in the

driving seat now." GITTING SCAL TIOW.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K
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Selars — J McGirley, N Blake.

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Donavan, I Hamilton, R Sneekas — D Smith
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1995, but the Turkish club has still to pay half of that fee and any deal with City will have to be put on ice until the maner

Harding in a hurry to make mark

THERE is nothing like fresh ambition to unsettle the established order as Kidderminster Harriers found to their cost when they were crushed 3-0 by Heybridge Swifts in the outstanding upset of the third round of the FA Umbro Trophy on Saturday (Walter Gammie writes).

Steve Harding had only just made the jump from playing for Burnham Ramblers in the Essex Senior League to the Icis League premier division when he was thrust into action against Kidderminster, the Vauxhall Conference's secondplaced club.

Harding,a young forward, duly laid on the first goal, in the 22nd minute, for Gary Caldron, the club's leading scorer, and, as Heybridge feasted on wind-assisted punts in the second half, nipped in for a goal of his own to follow

Caldron's second. The other main casualties were Altrincham, who were defeated 1-0 at home by Bishop Auckland, of the UniBond League, in a match that was interrupted for 24 minutes when four police horses descended on the terraces after trouble among the visiting

supporters. Bishop Auckland won a stormy match with a penalty in the 59th minute by Nicky Peverell, with only nine men on the pitch, after the sendingoff of Alan Gray and Lee

Ellison.

Reed returns to a familiar problem IT WAS, of course, inevitable

It served as a reminder to

Fate decreed that Mike Reed would be required to rule on a difficult penalty decision in his first game - and another cup-tie, at that - since pointing to the spot at Stamford Bridge last Wednesday and becoming at a stroke, the most infamous referee in Great Britain.

Sixty-seven minutes into the FA Umbro Trophy thirdround tie between Dorchester Town and Woking on Saturday, the ball was played through to Tommy Killick. the Dorchester forward, who was left with only Hans Segers, the Woking goalkeeper, to beat. Killick, though, was driven to the left-hand edge of the penalty area by Segers and, when the goalkeeper dived at his feet, came to earth. He looked round to see Reed signalling a penalty

Reed was on familiar ground now. Segers ranted at him from ten yards away. while two other Woking players raced up and advised him from considerably closer quarters that he had made another bloomer. Segers blocked the penalty, but Dorchester followed up to score and take what looked like a decisive 2-1 lead. The gods were playing cruel sport with Reed - which was only right and proper in Dorchester, the "Casterbridge" of Thomas Hardy, who had a liking for characters whose lives were snapped like ... well, like broken reeds. Had Hardy written the script. Dorchester

Simon Wilde sees a notorious referee

award another controversial penalty

would have won and Reed been found hanging by his bootlaces in the referee's room, but the gods were forgiving and two goals in the last ten minutes gave Woking victory and the consensus was that Reed got the decision right — just.

The referee was in a good position to give it." Killick said. "I was definitely inside the area. I was going away from goal and my touch would probably have taken

me out of a goalscoring position, but the contact and intent was there by the keeper." Television also suggested that Reed was lucky this time. just as it had suggested that he was unlucky three days earlier.

All told, Reed had a pretty good day. It began with Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of Fifa, football's world governing body, confirming not only that the frailty of officials is all part of the game, but also SERGIÓ DIONISIO / ALLSPORT



Segers exchanges opinions with Reed at Dorchester

that referees are "human be ings" - which, in view of the many creatures, from maggots upwards, to which he had been compared, must have come as welcome news

He certainly looked human enough as he trotted out onto the pitch, short, stocky and balding. He was immediately assailed by ironic and bipartisan booing, at which he smiled broadly. He remained in good humour throughout the game, even if some topics were out of bounds.

"I asked him if he felt more pressure giving this penalty than the one at Chelsea." Killick said. "He didn't see the funny side -- but then I don't suppose he's got much to smile about at the moment."

The crowd, of course, spared him nothing. There were a few pointed asides, but most addressed familiar themes, such as his eyesight and his inability to organise a trip to a brewery. It must have been nice to be back at work. Yet it would have been unnatural if he had not want-

ed the day to pass without incident. It was noticeable that, having issued more yellow and red cards than any referee this season, he declined to book one player and, after the game, ran to a waiting car - with police in such romantic notions. Vigorous attempts were place to prevent any repetition of the attack that he experienced in London — pleading

that he was late for a referees dinner in King's Lynn. But for the penalty, he

Cardiff give absent fans reason to cheer

Swansea City Cardiff City ..

By MEL WEBB

IT WOULD have been nicely appropriate on this St David's Day weekend if this game could have been celebrated by a cordial coming together of the football lovers of South Wales. Unfortunately, the supporters of Swansea City and Cardiff City have a marked tendency to knock large lumps off each other; the upshot was that the Ninian Park crowd were not invited to the party vesterday.

So what did they miss? Sadly, not a lot, aside from the obvious fact that their team won to move within a point of Swansea in the contest for a play-off place in the Nationwide League third division. To Cardiff went the spoils, but, that apart, it was a dull old affair in a strange sort of one-

way vacuum. In an attempt to put an end to the troubled recent traditions of this match, the clubs had agreed that Cardiff supporters would be allowed to attend. Détente was the name of the game, until the police stepped in and put an end to

made to keep the marauders from 40 miles up the road at bay. They were largely successful, though a small but resourceful raiding party was might have got away with it. | detected and ejected. They did

until the interval, however, by which time Cardiff had scored. It happened in the eighteenth minute, when Partridge hit the post with a shot from a narrow angle. The ball arrived at the feet of Howarth, who sidefooted it over the line from three yards.

not get their marching orders

The goal was greeted by a solid wall of silence, but the Swansea faithful were aroused 13 minutes later when Eckhardt handled in the penalty area under pressure from Torpey. Penney. Swansea's captain and leading scorer. tried to be cute with a carefully placed shot, but the ball went two yards wide.

Subsequent events would show that most of the meaningful football had been played by half-time, and even that was stretching the case to the point of charity. Swansea were shapeless, Cardiff not much better, but at least Kenny Hibbitt, the Cardiff manager, could gain consolation from the fact that his team have two games in hand over their old rivals.

For Swansea, meanwhile, it was a fourth successive defeat. If Jan Molby, their player manager, is not getting a mite nervous, it is high time he did. SWANSEA CITY (4-3-3): R Fraestone — S Jones, K.Walker, C.Echwards (34th: R Cassy, 83min), J. Hills. — D Penney, S. Chappel (sub: J. Motby, 80) J. Coales, — P. Brayson, S Crepey, R. Appleby (sub: D Thomes, 75). CARDIFF CITY (4-4-2): A. Elliot — L. Jarman, J. Echhardt, G. Dovies, A. Philisciork, (sub: J. Rollo, 61) — J. Fowler, C. Middlefon, J. Peny, S. Parindge — S. White (sub: C. Dale, 67). S. Honcarth.

☐ Dalian Atkinson's return to English football with Manchester City has been delayed because Fenerbahce, his club. still owes Aston Villa £250,000. Atkinson was sold by Brian Little, the Villa manager, to Fenerbahce for £500,000 in the summer of

Crabtree casts

long shadow

print and has spawned more

The fact, though, may be different, If Walton's Arcadi-

an hymn really is the best-

selling angling book ever, it

can only be by a rod's breadth.

Mr Crabtree Goes Fishing,

the work that Bernard

Venables, published in 1949.

must run it close. Nobody

generations. Angling has nev-er seen anything like Mr

Crabtree before — not only in

its success but also in its style

- and may not again. It seems

right, therefore, to mark his

creator's recent birthday. Ven-

ables is alive and well and still

fishing in Wiltshire. A couple of weeks ago he passed 90.

fished for nothing else may

have missed out on the Crabtree magic but few others who have fished fresh

water will. Venables is a

beguiling writer and a superb

draftsman. He has used his

skills separately, to great ef-

fect, over the years. In Mr

Crabtree, he brought them

seamlessly together - and

cast a spell over his readers as

The origins of Venables's

work lie in a strip cartoon that

he created for the Daily

Mirror just after the Second World War. Mr Crabtree was the all-purpose angling dad; he had a son called Peter.

Peter was exactly like a million other lads at the time:

their adventures were an inst-

strips and storylines were

tive, linking text. At a stroke,

less duo moved out of their

tabloid ghetto and into every

Crabtree knew everything

about everything. Young

Peter asked the questions that.

as lads, we all would have

asked. Mr Crabtree, magical-

ly talking clearly with a pipe

in his mouth while playing a

heavy fish with one hand and

reaching for his landing net

with the other, explained.

Image upon image, caption

upon caption, cartoon bubble

upon cartoon bubble, one was

drawn down into a world of

dreamy waters and great

Mr Crabtree fished us

through the seasons: for pike

in winter, for trout in spring,

for bream, tench and carp in

summer, for perch, roach and

rudd in autumn. He never

once failed to get the species

he sought. He rarely failed to

land a whopper. He rarely

failed - he was very good at

this - to slip in a little homily

on nature or sportsmanship

when the chance cropped up.

One never failed to live a

moment out with him - and

The observation and drafts-

manship in the pictures, the

knowledge and precision of the words, the fact that he

showed one not only the

angler's intent above water

but also the behaviour of the

tackle and the response of the

fish below, involved young minds in artful angling in a

kind of home.

fishes.

to learn.

easily as he casts the line.

Game anglers who have

than 400 editions.

Smith sails through test of fans' devotion

FROM CRAIG LORD IN GALWAY

been proud of Michelle Smith. She smiled, she waved, she touched hands and hearts and she provided those gathered here with an Irish record, her 24th since 1994, of 2min 01.38sec in the 200 metres freestyle. Her public adored

The triple Olympic champion could not have been made more welcome. She was given a private dressing-room there was no star on the door - and all her costs were covered at the Leisureland International meeting. They even made her the first swim-

Galway results

mer to undergo a random drug-test in competition in

In private, though, Smith is more serious. She had her solicitor send a letter to say that she would not be accepting the award of life membership of the Irish Amateur Swimming Association (IASA) until the mole who leaked documents revealing that she had failed to show up for outof-competition drug-tests had

been rooted out. Fina, the sport's international governing body, had warned Smith via the IASA. in

EVITA PERÓN would have year, that failure to provide correct details of her whereabouts for the purpose of drug-tests could result in sanction. She had been unavailable for "the first threequarters of 1995" and on Óctober 13 last year.

These are details that Smith, 27, is keen not to discuss. That much was evident at an on-off press conference at her first race in Ireland for two years. She started with the words: "First I would like to restrict questions to my swimming this weekend — if you don't mind.

Some did. Ulster TV, for example, which has long been putting together a documentary on Smith and her husband and coach, Erik de Bruin. the Dutch discus thrower who is serving a four-year suspension after a positive test in 1993. She referred their questions to her solicitor. Hugh Mohan, who has sent more than ten warning letters to the station in the past few weeks.

Mohan is a busy man. He acts as barrister to three national newspapers in Ireland and is representing several journalists in defamation actions being brought by Patrick Hickey, president of the Irish Olympic Committee.

In Mohan's absence, what Smith will say is that she will not compete at the world 1995 and again in January this short-course championships

By DAVID POWELL

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DOLLY the sheep was not present at the Newark Showground on Saturday.

but, for those with a futuristic

curiosity, it was possible to

sample how it might feel to be

surrounded by clones. Hu-

man cloning may still be in the

hands of the scientists and

politicians, but the nearest

thing, identical twins, people

born genetically the same as

each other, continue to make

The TSB English Schools

cross-country championship

offered a foretaste for the

English national champion-

ships in Havant next Satur-

day, for which 23 pairs of

female twins are entered. A

random survey of 12 counties

at Newark, among 44 repre-

sented, revealed four sets of

identical twins, including one

fiery pair, the Partridges, from

Suffolk, who agreed that they

did not get on.

their imprint on athletics.



Smith raises her arm in triumph after setting a new Ireland mark in the 200 metres freestyle yesterday

in Gothenburg in April. is unsure whether she will be ready to race at the European championships in Seville this summer — "I'm not the woman I was in Atlanta," she said - but intends to be at the world long-course champion-

ships in Perth in 1998. Smith said that she sets her programme according to how appearance here, de Bruin stabbed his pen at a note he had scribbled on a napkin, reminding Smith not to ignore the restriction she had

Such attitutes, and speculation about how Smith has achieved her success, are not helping the bank balance. Smith is on her third agent in her training is going. As a year after having failed to matters strayed beyond her capitalise on her success in a year after having failed to

Britain's No I senior, finished 299th in her first appearance

Once, in the Northampton-shire county junior girls' race.

two sisters were coming to the

finish when one tried to over-

take the other, who then resorted to physical force to

pull her back. Such intense rivalry is obvious in only a

brief conversation with the

Partridge twins, Anna and

Emily, aged 16, and Patricia.

their mother. Anna and Emily

said: "We are not close. We do

not get on at all. We argue a

levels but choose to be taught

in separate classes. They will

not train together. Anna run-

ning before school, Emily

after. They resent that, to

borrow a Spice Girls hit title. 2

become 1. Anna said: "We

want to be different and

independent, but it ends up

that both of us do the same

because they are the things we

both enjoy doing."

They are taking the same A

Twins continue to make imprint

as a junior.

Atlanta, where she won three gold medals. in contrast, Sonia O'Sullivan, the 5,000 metres world champion but with nothing to show from the Olympic Games last year, has deals worth £500,000 a year. Smith, having made famous the Aquablade swimsuit in Atlanta, is not even pictured in the new calender from Speedo.

the suit's manufacturer. Celia Millane, of the IASA.

The Potters, Jane and Juliet,

aged 15, are the very opposite. According to David, their

father, their running thrives

on their getting on. They are

progressing at twin turbo

speed. Last year, as top-age

juniors, Ja<u>n</u>e was 53rd, Juliet

257th. Here, as first-year inter-

mediates, they were ninth and

The East Yorkshire and

North Lincolnshire junior

girls' team would have been

among the medals had Lind-

say Curtis not developed stitch

halfway round. Fortunately,

only one identical twin suf-

fered the affliction. Nicola

Curtis, with whom Lindsay

had been running to halfway.

led home the county team in

many counties. Six races pro-

the team competition, only

victories, won more than one

Daniel Hyde, the senior

boys' winner, is a classic

example of small fish grown

big. Hyde said that, travelling

to the race, he had been

looking forward to telling his

Devon title and expected to

win at the nationals. He "went

off like a rocket" that year but

finished 31st. "I told myself

that I would come back one

day and win," he said. He left

it late before taking the big

prize. After several misses,

As a junior. Hyde won the

story to reporters.

For siblings, the record

42nd place.

which is in the midst of a crisis over allegations of sexual misconduct against two former Olympic head coaches, said: These are very difficult issues for us. They are serious issues. There are a lot of voluntary people here and we're not used to having to deal with the media. The likes of Michelle, with a legal adviser and an agent, are moving in a different world now."

Teddington run ended

TEDDINGTON'S run of ten victories in the men's national league ended at Chiswick vesterday with a 4-3 defeat by Reading. The result leaves the

championship wide open.

surely went to Somerset, four pairs, but the real issue of the day, winning, was shared by duced individual title winners from six different counties. In Northumberland, with two ing to the score.

the top of the table ahead of clubs could win the title.

themselves from relegation. Despite beating Hightown 2-0 in the women's national league. Leicester are still bottom of the premier division, but they have at least closed the gap on five teams lying just

HOCKEY

ant success. In no time, the brought together, embellished and garnished with an evocaby Reading in book form, the workingclass and yet curiously class-

race for the premier division

Reading fell behind twice, but their skilful use of the open spaces tipped the balance in their favour and, in the end, it was Teddington who fought furiously for survival, Laslett. Wallis and Conway scored for Teddington: Wyatt, Ashdown and Pearn (twice) for Reading. Cannock could manage only a 3-3 draw at Surbiton, who saved the match with a goal in the 62nd minute by

Sexton from a short corner. Elmitt and Owen had scored the earlier goals for Surbiton, with Parnham scoring twice for Cannock and Mayer add-Reading finished the day at

Teddington and Cannock and. with two matches still to be played, any one of these three At the other end of the table, Havant defeated Hounslow 3-0. but still could not save

above them. At the top of the table, Ipswich were held to a 3-3 draw by Clifton.

over his creator By Brian Clarke way that nobody had thought possible. For all that, for all There is a common assumption that the the book's success and the best-selling angling book of all time is reverence in which he is now held, it is not possible to talk Izaak Walton's The Compleat to Venables without detecting Angler. As assumptions go, it an ambivalence towards the is not unreasonable. The character that he has created. Compleat Angler, published in 1653, has never been out of He loves Crabtree, but one

milliail)

move over. Everything that Venables has done since - and he has done more than most men would dream of doing — has been put in the shade by the man he created. A little recognition for those things would not have come amiss.

suspects he would love him

the more if only he would

Venables has written 17 knows how many Mr Walton sold, but Mr Crabtree's ex-ploits have sold more than other books. including - improbably - one about tanks. two million copies; and they have done that in just a one about open-boat whaling and one describing a journey down the Zambezi from its handful of editions to just two

He was co-founder of Angling Times in 1953 - and for years its editorial director. In 1963, he created Creel. a magazine as lovely as a damsel fly though, sadly, as ephemeral because its costs were too heavy for the market Since then, he has mostly freelanced — travelling, writ-ing, making films and, closest

to his heart of all, painting.
It is when Venables talks of his painting that his ambivalence towards Crabtree comes through. What few of his angling readers know is that



Venables: beguiling

as an artist. Several of his paintings have been hung by the Royal Academy. He is a marvellous carver of wood and sculptor of stone. "I am hell-driven by my art." he

once told me. Evidence of all his gifts and obsessions adorn the tiny cottage that he and his wife rent from the council in a village not far from Salisbury. A council cottage is not where he would have chosen to spend his later years, but his life, like most lives, has had its bends and eddies and he earned nothing from Mr Crabtree because the Mirror retains copyright and offered him not a penny from the

peace with the world and a sense of his own place on the turning wheel of time that men decades younger would envy. He fishes when he can, paints as much as his eyesight will now allow - and writes about a Waltonian ideal lost to a harsher world and that angling must get back, he

NETBALL

Structure of game faces overhaul

ACCORDING to Pauline Harrison, the national director of coaching at the All England Netball Association (AENA), the 50 delegates who attended the "Netball into the 21st Century Conference", in central London, might have been mistaken for "Trekkies".

"The message was clear we must boldly go where no one has gone before." she said. "Our mission is to be No I in the world [England are ranked fourth), and to win more medals we must establish structures to support our existing talent and develop our next generation of world-class performers.

"Every day counts if we are to achieve our goal. All we need is confirmation and allocation of the promised INational Lottery funding so that we can put our plans into action." The AENA resolved to

arrange "quality" international fixtures for England in future and will create a muchneeded rest period in the sport's calendar to minimise the increasing problem of player "burn-out"

The AENA is also expected to ensure that important intercounties league matches are not scheduled on weekends before internationals. Officials will draw up a

recommended maximum

number of matches for play-

ers, broken down into weekly.

monthly and annual totals.

Barraclough relishing challenge

TALENTED sons have an unenviable task in trying to follow the sporting paths of successful fathers (John Goodbody writes). Ask Liam Botham.

However, little overawes Robert Barraclough, an 18year-old at Manchester Grammar School. In 1970, Richard, his father, won the British judo trials and national wrestling titles at freestyle and Greco-Roman, a unique feat in the same year. Richard, who also played rugby union for Sale, went on to compete at wrestling at the 1972 Olympic Games.

IN SCHOOLS

If none of these twins ex-

celled — although the Potters.

from Nottinghamshire. fin-

ished a worthy ninth and 41st

in the intermediate girls' race

- they should take encourage-

ment from two facts. First,

Great Britain regularly pro-

duces twins who reach inter-

national level - the Lincolns.

Yeomans, Holts, Tucks, Toobys and Graffins; second,

the English Schools champi-

onships do not always mark

out the luminaries of the

future. Paula Radcliffe, now

Robert is similarly versatile. He plays scrum half for Lancashire schoolboys, is a British junior wrestling champion and, on Saturday, was the pre-eminent winner at the Independent Schools judo championships at High

Pangbourne took the team title for the fourth successive year. They train regularly at Pinewood, the home of Nicola Fairbrother, the 1992 Olympic silver medal-winner. Beattina Wipper, the teacher in charge, said: "They are just a lovely group. They have such mar-vellous spirit."

gold medal-winner the past two years, went into ground-

Wycombe He displayed a crisp throwing technique, which won his first three contests all inside 15 seconds. In the senior, under-85 kilogram final, Julian Mould, of Pangbourne, a

work and Barraclough deftly turned his opponent on his back and then clamped on an unbreakable hold. His father gave a faint smile.

this was his last shot before

Kick-off 7 30 unless stated FA Carling Premiership

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emlay v Guiselay.

OTHER SPORT

TOMORROW **RUGBY UNION** COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Gloucester v Northampton (7.30); Leicester v Sale (7.45); Saracens v Onell (7.30).

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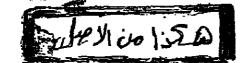
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Even so, Venables exudes a says, if it is to survive.

His home is as packed as his days, crammed as a tackle bag. Rods, reels, books, carvings. sculptures, watercolours and oils are all about. Venables lives in a landscape that reflects his long life's achievements - but it is Mr Crabtree's river that winds through it.

☐ Mr Crabtree Goes Fishing. by Bernard Venables (Merlin Unwin Books, £19.95),

Why takeovers could be all the rage

The New York Knicks basketball team and the New York Rangers ice hockey side are the unlikely focus of a \$10 billion corporate takeover battle between the giant Hilton hotel company and its rival, ITT. Hilton wants to win control of ITT's Sheraton hotel and casino chain, but, to persuade Wall Street to support its bid, Hilton has said that it will sell off the extremely valuable sporting franchises. ITT, in turn, has hinted that, if it remains independent, it will put the teams on the market and return that money to shareholders.

The Knicks are reckoned to be the most valuable basketball team in the United States worth an estimated \$200 million - while the Rangers are valued at \$120 million, but it is the whole package that ITT has assembled that makes the teams so attractive to the market. ITT, which co-owns the teams with Cablevision, also controls their home venue - Madison Square Garden and the MSGN cable sports sports programming.



network that broadcasts the games. The two companies have effectively bought total control of indoor sports in New York for \$1 billion. The success of this venture

has not gone unnoticed. Comcast, the third largest franchised cable operator in the United States, recently paid \$500 million for a package including the Philadelphia 76ers basketball team, the Philadelphia Flyers ice hockey team and the 20,000-seat CoreStates Centre. Comcast is aiming to launch its own regional sports network next year with the two teams providing the bulk of its winter

It is the absence of antimonopoly rules surrounding sport in the United States that has made team franchises so attractive to big companies. Media moguls have been able to establish local sports monopolies and become rich on the profits. The United States remains a

good ten years ahead of the

United Kingdom in its exploitation of the business potential of sport. To date, only a couple of half-hearted attempts have been made to integrate different sports teams in a single region. Loftus Road has combined Queens Park Rangers football team and Wasps rugby club in a single quoted company. Sir John Hall, meanwhile, still controls a majority of Newcastle United - which floars next month and owns the rugby club, although it remains a separate

Integration has been held

back in the United Kingdom

because most sporting teams

cannot sell their own television

rights at the moment. Teams

are also less vulnerable to

company.

States, because they normally own their own grounds, ensur ing that they have the financial support of a regular income stream. The ground also provides the fall-back of a valuable property asset, which has made the clubs a more attractive flotation prospect. Pay-per-view televised sport, however, is going to

takeovers than in the United

radically change the dynamics of the business of British sport. The football clubs are expected to go down this road when the existing television contract expires in 2001, and other sports are more than likely to follow football's example. A company such as Granada, which has already been linked with a bid for Manchester United, would

leisure and media companies may not be so far away. ALASDAIR MURRAY

find the idea of winning con-

trol of everything from the

television rights to the catering at Old Trafford hard to resist.

The day when British sport is

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BASKETBALL

Winning sequence maintains Bullets' title chase

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE minor inconvenience of a post-interval revival by Derby Storm failed yesterday to prevent Birminhgam Bullets from regaining the Budweiser League leadership with an impressive 100-82 victory in the National Exhibition Centre, their temporary

Although the Bullets have played a game or two more than their rivals, they will take some stopping on this form. Not only are they genuine title contenders, but also Nick Nurse, their coach, is now held in such esteem that he has aspired to be Lazlo Nemeth's assistant in the England set-up.

Nurse's squad laid the foundations for their eleventh successive win in a blistering first quarter during which they recovered from 5-2 down with 14 successive points. Even when Jimmy Ratliff stopped the not with a jump shot, the Bullets replied with two three-pointers from Nigel Lloyd and another from Scott Wialke, who is surpisingly adept from long range for a centre of

With Tony Dorsey, their 28-point leading scorer, at his imperious best, slamming dunks and grabbing rebounds, and Fabulous Flournoy a useful back-up guard until he was hurt, the Bullets stretched their lead to 41-19 before Derby

Only Lorenzo Pearson had displayed significant resistance for the Storm before the return of Cory McGee, their guard, sparked the recovery that was led almost entirely by Ratliff and Tim Lascelles who, inside the first minute of the second half,

hit eight points. Between them, they sank five three-pointers during that inspired spell, cutting the deficit to 66-60 before the Bullets reassest ed themselves. "We've just figured out our roles," Nurse said, "and have started playing some

defence.

Derby's defeat, their eighth in a row, was bad news for Jeff Jones, their coach, who is under pressure from Mike Horton, his chairman, to make the play-offs. That looks unlikely now. The loss to the **Bullets** was largely expected, but it was the previous night's \$3-82 home reverse by Newcastle Eagles, one of their rivals for the eighth play-off spot, that really silenced the storm.

The Bullets had beaten Hemel and Watford Royals, the bottom club, 115-104 on Saturday, while two of their rivals, the Leopards and Sheffield sharks, were also winning away games to keep the top of the table as congested as ever. The Sharks survived a fraught final quarter to overcome Leicester Riders 99-97 with 24 points from Roger

John White's 38 points hastened the Leopards to a comfortable 104-91 victory at Crystal Palace, where they overcame the loss of Eric Burks for the second half with an injury.

Oliver Holt on the Formula One driver keen to be the best of British

Coulthard harbouring grand designs

t was late by the time he left the restaurant in the small fishing village a few miles from Estoril. David Coulthard did not have to test his McLaren-Mercedes the next morning, so he walked through some backstreets and wandered into a waterfront bar, condemned for the duration of a drink to watching a group of English schoolteachers, in Portugal for a conference, working the karaoke machine,

On the way out, he paused. A few yards away there was a set of traffic lights on the busy coast road, the lights where Coulthard had leapt out of his car on his way to a nightclub 18 months earlier to help a stranger to try to push-start a jalopy. That was the beginning of the long, happy night after the day in September 1995 when he won the Portuguese Grand Prix at the wheel of a Williams-Renault his maiden Formula One victory. and dreamt of all the other triumphs that would follow.

For a minute, his thoughts turned to Damon Hill, the man who was his team-mate that year. Last year, labouring at McLaren, Coulthard had to watch as Hill carried all before him. This year, now that Hill has moved to Arrows, Coulthard knows how it will feel for him to experience the bitterness of being an also-ran.

"As much as he recognises that he has moved to a less competitive team, it will still come as a shock," he said. "I underestimated the difference in performance between the Williams of 1995 and the McLaren of 96 and he will have done the same with the Arrows. I knew it could be a potential step back in a McLaren, but I just did not realise what it would be like in the middle of the grid because I had never experienced that.

"I had always been at the front, just like he has, and I think the first time he is running round in tenth place, he is a minute down or getting lapped, that is when it is going to really hit home and he will be thinking: 'Is this as much fun as I thought it was?"

Just as Hill will be forced to realise this year. Coulthard found last season that there is only one way to go when you



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Coulthard believes that he can recapture former glories in his McLaren-Mercedes, starting in Melbourne next weekend

leave Williams. His regression was not nearly as drastic as his former team-mate's and may ultimately prove to be a wise move, but he still found himself in the midst of a McLaren team centred, emotionally and practically, on Mika Hakkinen, and struggling to recapture past glories.

In the circumstances, last year was a good year for the young Scot a building year, a foundation season. There were no victories, no more glorious nights like that one in Portugal, but he came second in the Monaco Grand Prix, out-qualified Hakkinen several times and settled, slowly but surely. into the team.

This year, a vital one given that his contract with Mc-Laren is due for renewal at the

end of the season, promises to be even better. He has impressed everyone with his performances in testing. McLaren appear to have made only based on testing results." significant gains on their ri-

his career, Coulthard will be favourite to finish as the leading Briton. A return to the big time - starting at the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne next weekend -- beckons at the age of 26. "At first, I thought it would

be nice if I could be the top Brit this season, but it's not really the motivation," he said. "But the more I have driven the car in testing, the more I have realised it is important to be in the best position of the home drivers. I underestimated how much it helps having people

vals and, for the first time in

getting behind you. I do feel very confident at the moment. but I am trying to hold that back a little bit because it is

oulthard added: "I really believe we are in better shape than we were last year relative to the opposition and, if we are, then we will win races because we got close a couple of times last year. I think it is possible we could be in front of Ferrari and, if we are on a par with Benetton, we will be in the shake-up.

"It is not unfair to say that, on several occasions when I have driven the McLaren-Mercedes this winter, it reminded me a lot of the 1995 Williams. The rear end was

very stable, the car had a bit of understeer, but you could push it with confidence. It gave me flashbacks to how it felt in '95 and that was a very positive thing."

Coulthard is a master at dwelling on the positives. Throughout his trials last season, he remained affable to a fault, open and friendly towards the media, always willing to offer an opinion rather than retreat into bland public relations-speak, always happy to admit his mistakes

and keen to learn from them. The only blot on the landscape of what should be a season rich in progress is the feeling in some quarters that, when it comes to the crunch, Ron Dennis, the McLaren managing director, favours Hakkinen and chooses consistently to work on the Finn's car during qualifying.

"I think the emotional bond with Hakkinen is stronger because they have been through a lot together, including Mika's accident," Coulthard said. "Ron working on Mika's car is a situation I am not entirely comfortable with, I have to be honest, because he is the boss and I would prefer it if he was more in the middle.

"But I feel very much part of the team now and I know that I will never get over the fact that Mika has been with the team for longer than me, and has been very much supported by Ron, until I consistently outqualify him and outrace him. In that respect, the ball is in my court."

SAILING

Good start keeps Concert party in good cheer

something to be said for

so he is less apprehensive than he might have been. Despite our fears, there

is no question in anybody's mind that sailing the next leg is what we want to be doing. We did leave one of our permanent crew members in Sydney, but only for this leg. Richard Angell, who was severely seasick from Rio to Wellington, made the brave decision to drop out. We have become a very close team and it was horrible leaving him behind, but Richard will rejoin us in Cape Town and we do not intend to let him greet any of the other boats before us.



EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker short cut pays off Higgins proves rival right

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN PARIS

JOHN WHITAKER, of Great Britain, brought the packed stadium at the Palais Omnisports to its feet yesterday after a sensational win on Keeley Durham's Virtual Village Welham in the Volvo World Cup qualifier. He and Franke Sloothaak, of Germany, now share the record number of wins - 14 -in World Cup qualifiers.

Whitaker, who led the British dean sweep in Bologna last week on Grannusch and also won the Berlin qualifier in November, finished more than two seconds ahead of the runner-up, Herve Godignon. of France, on Unic Revillon, after taking an improbable looking short cut in the

13-horse jump-off.
"I watched Herve's round and decided that my only chance of winning was to cut inside fence eight on the approach to the double." Whitaker, the eleventh to go, said. Welham, competing at his first show since Olympia in December, obliged with a beautifully executed turn that had the stadium gasping. Whitaker considers it his best performance yet on the

intrepid 17-year-old gelding. "He's got so much experience now, I can trust him completely, however tight the turn," he

Geoff Billington and It's Otto, whose sixth place in the Olympic Games last vearwas the best British performance. produced one of their fastest rounds to take third place for the second successive week. Billington, who celebrated his 42nd birthday yesterday, is fast jump-off because It's Otto wastes so much time in the air. However, Billington meant



Whitaker: equalled record

business yesterday. Having hustled the Dutch-bred gelding over the first five fences, he took a flyer at the last, finishing in 40,25sec - a time that put him briefly into the lead. Billington is now certain to qualify for the World Cup

final in Sweden in May. Nick Skelton, who failed to reach the jump-off after incurring four faults on Zalza, his Bordeaux runner-up, was anxiously scanning the positions in the European League after the class to work out his chances of qualifying. The winner of the Cup in 1995, he is lying 25th (the top 19 qualify), but has two more qualifiers in which to improve

his place. Robert Smith, on Big Time, and Michael Whitaker, on Ashley, also missed out on the jump-off after collecting four faults apiece. Whitaker, who is lying second in the league after his performances in London and Bologna, made a rare mistake on the approach to fence five - which Ashley demolished. Smith, who finished fourth in the grand prix on Saturday night on Big Time, hit fence 11.

JOHN PARROTT'S high opinion of John Higgins was reinforced when Higgins established a 6-2 lead over him in the first session of the final of the European Open at the Mediterranean Conference

Centre here in Malta yesterday. After beating Ken Doherty b-4 in the semi-finals on Saturday, to retain hopes of successfully defending the title, Parrott made it clear that he regards Higgins as the natural successor to Stephen Hendry as the pre-eminent

force in snooker. "People often ask me who will be the best player in the future and I always tell them it will be John," Parrott said. "He's a model professional. he's dedicated, he loves the game and I've got a lot of respect for him. If Ronnie O'Sullivan had this lad's temperament, he would be

unstoppable." Parrott's words soon had a prophetic ring to them when Higgins, who is still only 21 and yet is in search of his sixth world ranking tournament triumph, completely dominated the initial exchanges in the

FROM PHIL YATES IN VALLETTA match, building a 5-0

SNOOKER

advantage During this onslaught from Higgins — who inflicted the first whitewash of James Wattana's eight-year career as a professional when overwhelming him 6-0 in the semi-finals - he outscored Parrott 390-41 while compiling breaks of 59, 52, 100, 71, and

Parrott belatedly opened his account by winning a scrappy sixth frame before gaining a further foothold when adding the seventh with a green-toblack clearance made possible



Higgins: flying start

by an exceptional snooker in

This temporary interruption to the momentum of Higgins suggested that Parrott would reduce his arrears at the interval to more manageable proportions by prevailing in the closing frame of the afternoon, but, when he was afforded a scoring opportunity, Higgins constructed a decisive break of 73.

behind the blue.

Higgins, in similarly commanding form when conceding only 62 points during his dismissal of Wattana, was left needing to win only three of the remaining nine frames to collect the £60,000 winner's cheque and capture his first title since the International Open of February 1996.

Should Higgins go on to convert this substantial advantage into victory, he will make considerable inroads into the 8,532-point lead that Hendry holds over him at the head of the provisional world ranking list.

RESILTS: Quarter-linet: J Panott (Eng) bt A McMenus (Scot) 5-4. Semi-finate: J Higgins (Scot) b. J Westime (Tha) 6-0; Parott bt K Doharty (re) 6-4. Finath Higgins leads Parott 6-2. Frame scores (Higgins fins): 74-9, 74-6, 109-1, 71-21, 62-4, 41-64, 48-56, 73-0.

BOXING

ROWING

Boat Race crews open to public scrutiny looked a little stodgy in the

THE Oxford and Cambridge University crews both made belated first public appearances on Saturday in a year when opposition has been hard to find (Mike Roswell writes). Many of their traditional opponents are now more concerned with their own international small-boat preparation than with side-byside racing in eights against the high-profile Blue boats. and it is a worrying state of

affairs for both camps. Oxford, rowing their full crew with Tim Foster, an Olympic bronze medal-winner, at stroke, retained their Reading Head title by a 14-second winning margin from Oxford Brookes University, who had a scare before the race when their boat was

blown off its stools. Rene Mijnders, the new Oxford coach, seemed satisfied, even though the crew middle stages, before raising the rate to 37, with plenty of cover, in the run-in. Foster, sporting blue-rinse hair, also seemed content. "It was nice and racy for the first time out," he said. Cambridge were on the

Tideway for direct confrontation with Thames Tradesmen. coached by Richard Tinkler, the coach ousted by Oxford in 1994. However, the exercise proved little, since Cambridge were much the faster, winning by half a minute in a Putney Eyot row and by 13 lengths from the Eyot to the Bandstand. In both cases, Cambridge were at a lower

It now appears that Tony Wallace and Alan Watson, who were given one row each in the No 4 seat, are the candidates for the last place in the Cambridge boat.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull KR thrive on home-brew

Featherstone Rovers .. 22 Hull Kingston Rovers .. 36

By Christopher Irvine A SECOND 1.600-seat stand

taking shape at Post Office Road is an outward sign of Featherstone Rovers' ambition to get into the Super League next year. Hull Kingston Rovers have a more modest desire this season financial survival.

It was a shame that the administrators running Hull KR missed a rousing victory yesterday, which showed that, as penniless as the club might be off the field, it at least has a team rich in potential.

In the present climate, Hull KR cannot yet say whether they can afford to recall Sam Stewart, who led them to the second division title last season, from Australia. His absence, and that of five other regular players, had no noticeable affect in a six-try defeat of Featherstone, the second-favourites for the first division championship. Apart from Stanley Gene. their Papua New Guinea

scrum half, and Atkins, from York, Hull KR are something of a rarity nowadays - a home-grown side. Not many players score four tries and end up on the losing side, but Darren

Hughes achieved that distinction. Featherstone shrank from the task as the Hull KR forwards, with Paul Fletcher and Wilson outstanding. squeezed them out. While Featherstone struggled with their organisation.

Gene caused havoc with his clever distribution. Nevertheless, Hull KR trailed at the break. Hughes, with his secams and Atkins.

ond and third tries, scored quick replies to tries by Ad-Three tries in a seven-

minute purple patch at the

Featherstone in an impossible position. Sandwiched between tries by Harrison, and a length-of-the-field score by Rouse, Gene was put clear by Paul Fletcher. Any threat of a comeback ended when Chamberlain crossed and Mike Fletcher landed his his sixth

start of the second half left

Featherstone are at Leeds in the Challenge Cup quarter final next Sunday, while Hull KR are only one step away from Wembley in the Plate competition.

SCORERS: Featherstone Rovers: Triss: Hughes (4) Goals: Maskill (2), Chapman, Hua KR. Tries: Adams, Allans, Harrison, Gene Rouse, Chamberlain Goals: M Fletcher (6)

capacity 1,400, was full. HULL KINGSTON ROVERS: M Fleigher: J HOLL MINISTON HOMES MERGERS AND AGAINS DE HUITENSON. R D'AICY P ROUSE. G Atturs, 5 Gene, A Darman, 5 Hoe. C Hardy R Wilson, P Fletcher, C Charles Substitutes: M Care. R Chamberlain, J Leighton D Hamson.

Neary holds title and

seeks a bigger stage THE promoters of Shea we lost money," Maloney said. Neary, the least-known Brit-

take steps to get him the recognition that he deserves (Srikumar Sen writes). Neary is extremely popular in his home town of Liverpool and all his fights are sellouts, so John Hyland and Frank Maloney, his promoters, have

decided to promote at bigger

ish world champion, are to

Maloney said that Neary's successful detence of his World Boxing Union lightwelterweight title against Jeremiah Malinga, of South Africa, would be his last appearance in Liverpool. The Everton Park Sports Centre.

Neary's next opponent could be Peter Richardson, of Middlesbrough, and Maloney believes that the bout will draw around 7,000. "Even though we sold out this time,

"It's not on. Neary had to move to a bigger venue."

Certainly, Neary is one of the most exciting performers in Great Britain. With his explosive punch, he has an impressive presence and deserves wider exposure.

He disposed of Malinga, a useful boxer, in three rounds. Neary put him down four times, but, once Malinga had got his boxing together, he posed serious problems. Malinga was winning the third round until Neary suddenly unleashed a short uppercut that caused Steve Smogers, the referee, to step

Neary said afterwards that he had boxed with only his left hand after injuring his right last September before his titlewinning bout with Darryl Tyson. "It has not healed since," Neary said.

BY LUCY DUNCAN

AFTER a six-week break with, as Chay Blyth, the race director, described it, "a mere hop, skip and a jump", from Wellington to Sydney in between, we are on our way again and heading into the Southern Ocean towards South Africa. Whoever coined the phrase better the devil you know . . . was sadly mis-taken as far as I'm concerned. When the devil you know is cold, wet and extremely isolated, there is

the unknown. I have found myself more apprehensive about this stage of the race than any other. Not everyone on board Concert agrees. Sarah Brice, the ship's medic, claims she is looking forward to it, and I will remind her of this in a fortnight's time. Brian Beaumont, one of our bowmen, reckoned the last visit to the Southern Ocean was not as bad as he expected,

After our dismasting on the second leg, we are out of the overall race (Concert

Global Challenge

is 11 days and 19 hours behind the leader, Group 4), but the competitive spirit has never been higher.

All our fears of what is to come were quickly blown away yesterday by a cracking start in Sydney Harbour - our first start not in the pouring rain. There was a greater concentration of boats than in the average marina. It was quite a challenge just getting to the start line without mowing someone

We eventually crossed the line, not entirely according to our pre-race plan, it has to be said, with Chris Tibbs, our skipper, apologising for having messed it up. As Sarah Brice commented after we passed the fairway buoy near the front of the fleet and exited the Harbour in second position: "What would have happened if Chris hadn't messed it up?

Once out into the open ocean, we looked back on a scene that John Keating, another crew member described as "the rest of the fleet playing Waltzing Matilda". Numerous yachts were doing 720-degree penalty turns behind us for various infringements at the start.

Just as I was writing this, there was a cry from on deck. I rushed up to find us surrounded by leaping dolphins. That reminds me of one of the reasons that we are doing this. We are not really mad; there are plenty of rewards to be had and the dolphins are just one of many.

The race has also unleashed a competitive streak in me which I was not aware was so strong. I was amazed at how much (minded finishing sixth on the last leg when it had looked as if we might even win it. On the other side, the feeling of satisfaction when we leave other boats in our wake is unmatched by anything else.

We are all looking forward to the Cape Town stopover, which we expect to reach in early April Many of the crew, including me, have family coming out and it will be the end of our time in the Southern Ocean. As Ed Harrison, our watch leader, put it as we left Sydney Harbour. We are homeward bound."

WINDSOR

1.50 Pleasureland, 2.20 Khazari. 2.50 Mr Bureaucrat. 3.25 Mr Invader. 3.55 Taatrish. 4.25 Sonofagipsy. 5.00 Tissisat.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD IN STRAIGHT (CHASE COURSE);

GOOD (HURDLES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.50 BONUSPRENT HOVICES HURDLE

Carl Evans: 4.25 Quiet Confidence.

THUNDERER

3.25 ROBERT WALTERS HANDICAP CHASE

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3.55 BONDSPRINT HOVICES HURDLE

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5-2 Bandgram Bill, 7-2 Credon, 5-1 Calno Town, Mr Imader, 8-1 Fast Thoughts, Vicesa, 14-1 others.

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RACING: CLERK OF THE COURSE DECIDES TO WATER IN PREPARATION FOR FESTIVAL

Cheltenham turns on the taps

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

WATERING of the track at Cheitenham started yesterday in preparation for the National Hunt Festival, which begins tomorrow week.

Going on the firm side of good at Cheltenham would jeopardise the participation of several big-race hopes, including the reigning champion hurdler, Collier Bay, whom trainer Jim Old will not risk on fast ground.

Philip Arkwright, the clerk of the course, said: "We have taken all the advice we can get from the Met Office and on the strength of that we've decided to start watering tomorrow.

"At the moment the going is just about good, but the advice

Carson retires.

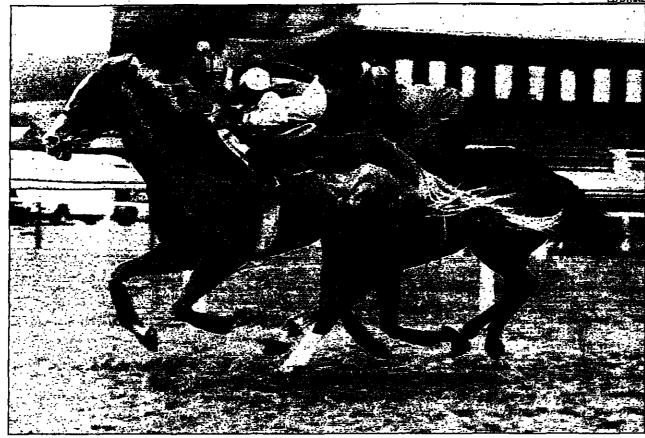
is that apart from a quarter if an inch tomorrow there is unlikely to be rain of any consequence until Friday.

"Our view is that if that is the case, the ground will dry up and we want to nip that in the bud. The programme of watering is variable and we will continue to review the situation daily.

Although the state of the ground is not a factor. Michael Hourigan, the trainer of leading Gold Cup hope Dorans Pride, will not make a final decision on the gelding's participation until the end of this week.

His decision was not made any easier when the eightyear-old, previously unbeaten over fences, fell when in the lead at the second last in the Kinloch Brae Chase at Thurles last month, his first race outside novice company.

"I really don't know if we are going to Cheltenham at the moment," he said yesterday. "The horse is fine and I am not worried by the fall at Thurles, But the Gold Cup is



Mr Mulligan, nearside, ridden by McCoy, completes his Gold Cup preparation at Newbury on Saturday

going to be a competitive race. with more runners in it this year than for a while. I would imagine there will be about 15 or 16 runners — it should be a great race."

One definite runner is Mr Mulligan. He completed his Gold Cup preparation for the satisfying connections in a workout after racing at Newbury on Saturday.

Noel Chance's big-race outsider was partnered by Tony McCoy over two miles in company with Marching Marquis, a novice hurdler. It

Cheltenham Gold Cup when was his first public appearwas just dossing. He's not done a stroke, but seems in ance since falling at the last when in second place behind good form and I will ride him One Man in the King George in the Gold Cup," McCoy said, at Kempton on Boxing Day. having previously been linked By the end of the workout with the mount on the Martin McCoy was having to push Pipe-trained Cyborgo.

Mr Mulligan to stay level with Chance believes he now has Mr Mulligan, always a lazy worker, near peak fitness. "I remember him working really lethargically last year and when he went to the races he won by half the track." he said. "He had not been working

well before Kempton either. The only thing that will galvanise him is 21 fences and unfortunately he will not get that before Cheltenham. He's not blowing the place down and Marching Marquis, who goes for the Royal SunAlliance

Space Trucker warms up in style

SPACE TRUCKER confirmed his wellbeing for the Champion Hurdle with an impressive warm-up victory at Leopardstown yesterday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Carrying 12 stone in the Brannockstown Handicap Hurdle, Space Trucker confounded Jessica Harrington's pre-race forecast that he would need the run by beating Sentosa Star by two lengths. "It's not often that you win and end up with egg on your face." the winning

trainer said. "I am much happier going to Cheltenham now that we know he doesn't have to be held up until the last minute".

Space Trucker, racing for the first time since winning at Newcastle in November, jumped to the front at the second-last flight and, despite racing wide into the straight to get the best of the ground, only had to be shaken up to win comfortably. William Hill cut his price to 8-1 (from 12-1) for the Champion Hurdle.

Hurdle, is not a bad horse." The Bounder continues

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

to progress

THE BOUNDER produced another stunning performance when winning the men's open at the Duke Of Beaufort meeting on Saturday. Fantus, favourite to win the race on his way to Cheltenham and Aintree, was a beaten horse when falling at the last fence.

Richard Barber, Fantus's trainer, gained compensation with Strong Chairman and Bengers Moor in divisions of the intermediate and with Earthmover in the ladies'.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: BEAUFORT

Schulder S. Publich S. Warmor Bard M. Portman 9-40, 2. Major Bugler 3, Tempterancy 9 can before 1. Strong Charman (I Mitchell, Evens law), 2. Nothing Ventured: 3, Southern Flight 16 rain Inter II. 1. Berngers-Moor (Miss P Curling, 6-4), 2. Double Thriller, 3. Tangle Bason 20 ran Mon's Open 1. The Bounder (J Ticzard, 11-10), 2, Beshups Island, 3, The Country Grader 2 ran Laddes 1, Entrument Miss P Curling, 1-3 law); 2. Lake Misson; 3. Final Phide 13 ran Midh 1, 1, 19a CV Ook (M Histor Orie; 3, Sweansea Gold 15 ran Midh II. 1. The Cockerhoor (B Baley, 6-1); 2. Nearly An Eye 3, Mambers Cruses 14 ran Reel II. 1, Prichard Cockerhoor (B Baley, 6-1); 2. Nearly An Eye 3, Mambers Cruses 14 ran Reel II. 1, Prichard Colland Princhard, 10-11; 2, Marcon's Cwirt, 3, Five Cades: 33 ran Chilippin Michael 1, Dec Ol Spee (Miss A Embircos, 2-1), 2. Pat Alaska, only 2 in 3 ran Confined 1, Local Manor (H Bunkop, 16-1); 2. Early Marc, 3. Cheriton Yeoman 14 ran Reel 1, Proce Buck (P Hackung, 7-4 law); 2. Croll Court, 3. Greybury Ster 10 ran Ladies; 1. The Wing Jukes C. Savil, 6-1); 2. Howaryadoon; 3. Royal litch 10 ran Men's Open 1. Katica Cacte (J Van Prasgh, 4-1), 2. Carrer Stage; 3. Sackwister Lady 8 ran, 34th 1. Open Cordeno, 9-4 tan); 2. Steriffers Staff (R) Nuttall, 9-4); 2. Branco, 1. Lost Farme (H Wineler, 4-9 Lad), 2. Printall Bay; 3. Sherbrooks; 7 ran Confined 1. Sturming Stuf (R) Nuttall, 9-4); 2. Branco, 1. Lost Farme (H Wineler, 4-9 Lad), 2. Printall Bay; 3. Sherbrooks; 7 ran Confined 1. Sturming Stuf (R) Nuttall, 9-4); 2. Branco, 1. Lost Farme (H Wineler, 4-9 Lad), 2. Printall Bay; 3. Sherbrooks; 7 ran Confined 1. Sturming Stuf (R) Nuttall, 9-4); 2. Branco, 1. Lost Farme (H Wineler, 4-9 Lad), 2. Printall Bay; 3. Sherbrooks; 7 ran Confined 1. Sturming Stuf (R) Nuttall, 9-4); 2. Branco, 1. Lost Farme (H Wineler, 4-9 Lad), 2. Printall Bay; 3. Sherbrooks; 7 ran Confined 1. Sturming Stuf (R) Nuttall, 9-4); 2. Branco, 1. Lost Farme, 1. Lados Stuffer, 1. L

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2.00 (3m.2i ch) 1. Father Sky (J Osborne, 9-2); 2. Changa The Reign (12-1); 3, Whispering Steel (4-1 k-lav) Musthave-eawig 4-1 k-lav, 8 ran 1-4, 151 O Shor-wood, Tote £4.20, £1.70, £3.40, £1.40, DF, £43.80 CSF £45.40 Tincast £203.33. C. 143 of U.S. 263 of Union (2003), 2.30 (3m 110) of India (1. Ealing Court I.) Osborne, 9-21, 2. Smith Too (7-2 favi; 3. Lochnegrain (4-1), 7 ran NR; Our Kris Sh. Hd, 68. N. Babbage Tote £5.30, £2.50, £2.40 DF, £6.50 CSF, £19.01, Tricast £51.23

3.05 (2m 4/ hdle) 1, Niger's Lad (M Fosler, 2-5 Lav, Private Handicapper's top rating), 2, Secret Service (11-4), 3, Leap in The Dark (20-1) 10 ran, NR: Into The Swing, 221, 101 P Heastam Toto £1.40, £1.10, £1.50, £1.40, DF: £1.50 Tio £3.30 CSF: £1.53 3.40 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Sublime Fellow (J Osborne, 2-1); 2, Just Bruce (16-1), 3, Girmne (16-1) Blair Cacile 5-4 (av ft) 7 ran 31, 134 N Honderson, Tote; 52.70, 51 90, 63 10, DF, 518 40 CSF; 524 91 £1 90, £3 10, DF. £78 40 CSF; £23 97 4.10 (2m 130yd flat) 1, Landler (£ Callaghan, 33-1), 2, Carlengford Tyke 133-1), 3 Generous Sneak (13-2). Wynyard kuight 8-11 fav (roj. 13 ran. NR. Society Timas. 11, 11 J. Norton Tote. £58 80, £12 20, £7 70, £2 30 DF. £1,008 80 Timo £152 70 CSF; £854 82. Placepot: £43.20. Ouacipot: £11 60. RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CHILDREN'S CHOICE (4.05 Doncaster) Next best: Spring Gale (3.35 Doncaster)

3.50 1, The Brewmester (7-1) 2, Mr Poppleton (12-1); 3, Noble Colours (33-1) Supreme Genotin 11-4 fav (ur) 10 ran 4.20 1, Red Curate (16-1), 2, Bold Leap (11-2); 3, All Done (6-1) Sweop Clean 4-1 lav, 16 ran NR: Zaban

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1.30 1, Silver Tryine (7-1); 2. Cheenur
Aspect (4-7 lav), 3. Vadiawys (13-21, 15 tan
2.05 1, Garmwin (3-1 lav), 2. Whirly (10-1),
3. Exterior Profiles (9-2), 9 ran
2.35 1, Juriassic Classic (14-1), 2.
Boauropaire (7-1), 3. Full Cf Oals (100-30),
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NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS

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R Ourwoody
R Johnson
P Mixen
D Sridgwater
N Williamson
A Dobbia
R Gantily
C Liewallyn
M A Fitsperajd
C Maude
P Carberry Miss H Proght

2.55 1, Enchanting Eve (6-4 fav) 2, Maron Twist (16-1), 3, Balleborough Boy (9-4) 6

3.30 1. Tatika (3-1 ji-lav); 2. Chewit (3-1 ji-lav), 3. Humeberry (4-1) 9 ran 4.00 | Speedy Classic (4-1); 2. Squire Come (6-1), 3. Apollo Red (7-1). Riffii 11-4 lay 7 ran.

4.30 1. Royal Action (8-11 fav); 2. Mersey Beat (11-4), 3. Prince Danalg (7-1) 8 ran 5.00 1. Touchingo (7-2), 2. Amico (6-1), 3. Leg Beforum (10-1) Noble Hero 11-4 fav 8 ran, NP, kingsdown Trix

Wolverhampton

7.00 1. Mustaring (7-1), 2. Recessions Over (9-2 fevt, 3. Barbara's Jewel (6-1) 11 ran, NR: Silent System 7.30 f. Swift (9-2), 2, Fearless Siou. (11-2); 3. Skelton Sovereign (7-2). Mysterium 5-2 fav. 5 ran. 8.00 1, Suga Hawk (11-2); 2, Whispering Dawn (6-1), 3, Dragonyoy (3-1 lav), 12 ran, NR, Venice Beach, 8.30 1. Lawn Lothario (1-3 tav). 2, Aspecto Lad (7-1), 3, Head Gardener (4-1) 3 ran. 9.00 1. Little florr (4-1); 2. Featherstone Lane (5-1); 3. Myttons Mastake (100-30) Super Rocky 2-1 lay 6 ran

9.30 1. C-Harry (100-30); 2, Master Foley (11-2); 3 Magic Fizz (16-1). Pel Express 2-1 lav 7 ran.





BETTING: 6-4 Spring Gale 3-1 Chapwell Drapes, 6-1 Castle Mess, 6-1 Charley Lambert, 8-1 Smart Lord, 12-1 Bollo Baroness, 20-1 others

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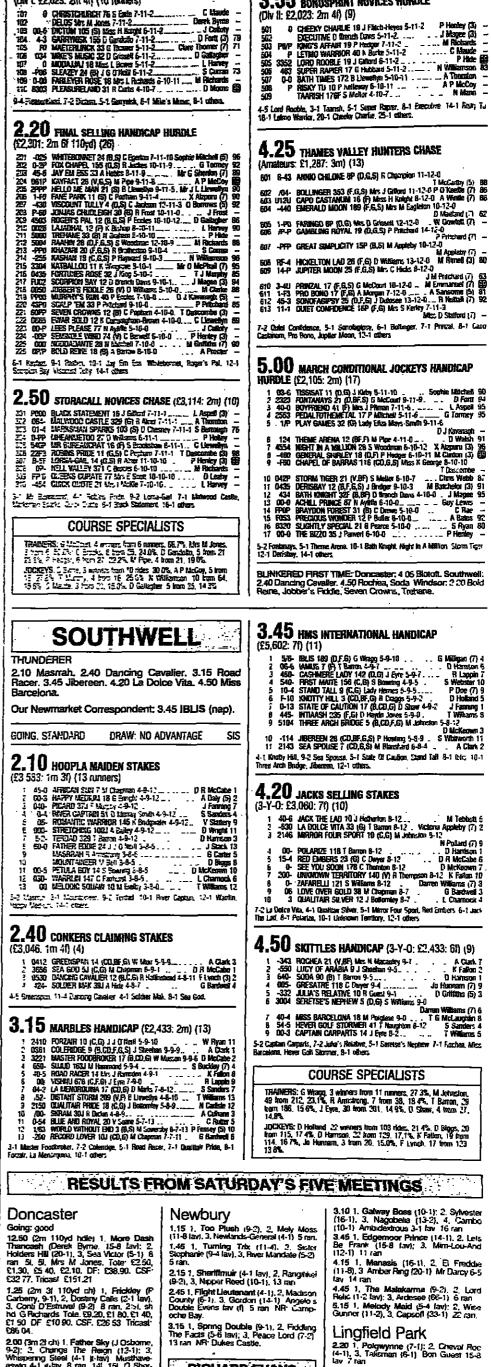
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☐ The Norman Babbage-trained Ealing Court, a short head winner of the Air Power Products Handicap Hurdle at Doncaster on Saturday, is likely to tackle the Stavers' Hurdle at

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the Cheltenham Festival, which begins tomorrow week.



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V Belman (Plus) 41, GMENT, Beigtum: Het Volk race (200km): 1, P van Petagem (Bei, TVM): 51r Brinh 0acc; 2, T Seeds (Bot, Maye-GB) at 5cac; 3, J Capida (Bot, TVM): 4, H Redent (Bei, TVM): 5, A Tehmar (Ms, Ladot); 6, F Sallenta (R, Mapei-GB) at 5cac; 3, J Capida (Bot, TVM): 4, H Redent (Bei, TVM): 5, A Tehmar (Ms, Ladot); 6, F Sallenta (R, Mapei-GB) at 16cac; 3, J Capida (Bot, TVM): 4, H Redent (Bei, TVM): 5, A Tehmar (Ms, Ladot); 6, F Sallenta (R, Mapei-GB) at same time. ROCKINGHAM FOREST WHIEELERS (Middeton, Northamptontshire, 60 miles): 1, R Heyles (Team Ambross); 2hr 32min 48sec; 2, W Randle (Feam Cashad); 3, J Bayfield (Controlivere IT) at same time. DILINYCH PRIBAVERA WALLY (BMBER TROPHY (Tentarden, Kers, 63 miles); 1, S Cope (Team Defend); 2, 1843; 2, A Profitt (VC Dea), 3, M Rangwoth (Manchester Procrite) at same time. 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ELIZABETHAN CC (Bridgnorth, 21 miles): 1, W Moore (Leo RC) 510b; 2, S Denger Rtiss scores: 288: H Dobson 71, 290: D Barnard 76, 71, 69, 74. 22-12, Concordia bi Bridgwater 17-7; Uncoh bi Luton 21-4; Rushdom bi Ade 13-8; Proston, Begither bi Sevenosibe 17-16 (after extra end), Cambridge Park bi Esmouth Maddira 15-14; Longmeadow bi libera 19-11; York bi Solemi 19-16. Track and field SNDELFRIGEN, Germeny: Winners and British; Ment 60x; I. Christie (GB) 6.51sec. 200m: Christie 20.84 400m; 1, M. Rastiaholz (Switz) 47.00; 2, G. Bullock; (GB) 47.02 200m: R. Christie (Ger) 1.00 46.98sec 1,000m; R. Sterzel (Ger) 3.37.01, 3.000m; S.E. Grazi (Mor) 7.50.13 60m hurdien; 1, A. Garcia (Cube) 7.52sec; 3, C. Jeckson (GB) 7.59. Tripte jump: A. Umula (Cube) 17.60m; (Pluss) 7.07sec, 200m; Principre 22.97 300m; C. Opara, (Nigera) 36.53, 600m; L. Vineacie Sumam) 1.00m; 59.22sec, 60m hurdien: M. Grotistad (Ner) 8.15sec. LEVIN, France: Under-23 Indoor International (CB v France v Indy v Benefuc) British peticimismices: Mer; 60m; A. 1, J. Golding 21.03, 400m; A. 3, 5 Beldock 47.73 800m; A. 2, E. King (Ts.), 2.00m; A. 2, 2.00m; A. 2, 2.00m; A. 2, 3.00m; A. 2, 2.00m; A. 2, 3.00m; A. 2, 2.00m; A. 3, 5 Beldock 47.73 800m; A. 2, E. King (Ts.), 2.00m; A. 3, 5 Beldock 47.73 800m; A. 2, 5 Capt British peticimismices: Mer; 60m; A. 3, 7 Bellie 7.88sec (Scottish moord) 4 x 200m; Play: 1, Grad British (Benerica) 1.25 41. High jump: A. 2, 3. Bellier, 2.13m, Pole vault; A. 7, M. Davis 500 Long jump: A. 6, 5 Bention 703 Tripte Jump: A. 2, T. Erophopho 18.04, 500m; A. 1, 300m; A. 1, 300m; A. 2, 5 Bention 2.13m, Pole vault; A. 7, M. Davis 500 Long jump: A. 6, 5 Bention 703 Tripte Jump: A. 2, T. Erophopho 18.04, 500m; A. 1, 100m; A. 2, 100m; A. 3, 100m; A. 3, 100m; A. 7, 4 Bension 78.5 Woman; 60m; A. 2, E. King Contill) 8.60cc; A. 2, 200m; A. 3, 100m; A. 7, KVITFUELL, Norwey: Men's World Cup super glant statom: 1, J Strotal (Austral) from 28 Pisser; 2. A Schaffeer (Austral) 125.63; 3, LKjus (Nor) 125.87; 4 equal, H Maler (Austral) and L Alphand (Fr) 1:26.02; 6, B Kennen (Switz) 125.61; 7, D Rahbees (US) 1:26.23, B Kennen (Switz) 1:25.14; 7, D Rahbees (US) 1:26.23, B G Medor (Austral) 1:26.29; 9, K A Aernod (Nor) 1:25.31; 10, P Vitalin (I) 1:26.43, Leading super-G positions: 1, Alphand 2:20; 4, A Sciencial (Nor) 1:92, 5, Klus 187, Men's World Cup downlate: 1, Klus Imin 27, 1:266; 2, Vitalin 1:27.26; 3, F Dottalinsky (Carl) 1:27.66; 4, J Strotal 1:20,07; 5, Alphand 1:29.10; 6, F Strotal (Austral) 1:21.18; 7, Aarnord, 1:28.28; 8, F Cawegn (Switz) 1:28.56; 9, H Knass (Austral) 1:28.59; 10, K Ghedina (I) 1:28.81, Leading downlate positions: 1, Alphand 750pis; 2, Ghedina 620; 3, F Strotal 4:71; 4, W Franz (Austral) 467; 5, Skaardel 4:36 Leading owers positions: 1, Alphand 1,072pis; 2, Aarnord, 878; 3, K'Ghedina (R) 668. HARUBA, Japan: Women's World Cup downlate: 1, W Edenskapa (Russ) 1mm 25,64sec; 2, P Wiberg (Swit) 1:36.95; 3, R Goelschi (Austral) 1:38.11; 4, Heng (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnach (Ger) 1:38.87; 5, I Kacther (N) 1:35.70; 6, C Monthilet (Fr) 1:36.81; 7, K Guesnac SKIING Track and field DENNY CUP: Quarter-finate: Cambridge Park 84 Bristol 75: City of Ely 65 Stanley 93; Desborough 90 Cyphors 64; Hull 57 North Walsham 81. Cross country LITON: South of England vaterars championships: Ment: 1, N Gales (Brighton and How) 33mm 43eet; 2 M Williams (Straitesbury Barnet) 34·17: 3, A Camp (Cardindigh H) 34·48 Team: Ereter Women: 1, A Flescher (Dulwach) 27·18: 2, J Wastell (North London) 27·22: 3, R Terifla (Seppenne) 28·22. Team: City of Norwich. LUTON: Reebolk British world champion-ships trials: Merri 10ters: 1, K Callen (Chelmstord) 34·mis 73eet; 2 C Stephenson (Cardiff) 34·40: 3, C Robison (Chelmstord) 34·mis 73eet; 2 C Stephenson (Cardiff) 34·40: 3, C Robison (Shettlesburg) 34·38: 6, A Brestow (Baghton) and Hone; 35:00: 7, S Whate (Covernly Godina) 35·04: 8, P Roden (Sate) 35:09: 9, J Pugslay (Bachleid) 35·18: 10, B Royden (Modway) 35·27 Teamet 1, South 68pts: 2 North 80, 3, Midlands 35. 4, Scotland 131 Women: Store: 1, H Holming (Chy of Glasgow) 19·15: 2, L Eliot (Shattlesbury Bornet) 19·20. 3, S Pig (Warmsglord) 19·27: 4, A Danies (Bachraystoke and Med Hants) 19·43. 6, L Wright (Leeds Chy) 19·48: 7, L Tabor (Bechtord) 20·02: 8, A Wright (Cay of Glasgow) 20·06: 9, V McPherson (Chy of Glasgow) 20·06: 9, V McPhers Cross country ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: San Jose 3 Hartford 2; Ottowe 4 NY Islanders 1; Anahem 4 Washington 1; Calgary 3 Morereal 2 Setunday: New Jersey 6 Pittsburgh 3; Boston 5 Philadelphia 5 (OT): Colorado 2 Cheego 1; Detroit 3 NY Parrigers 0, Tampa Bay 2 Horida 0; Burfelo 3 Ottowa 1; Toronto 3 Sen Jose 2 Calgary 4 Delika 1; Montheal 5 Edmonton 4; Los Angeles 3 Vancouve 0. wasmam 61. CIS SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Palsiay 76 Linarishine 72; Midlothian 91 Turnit 78, Balbarde 81 Alica 88; Aberdeen 86 Finity 57: Blantyre 77 West Lothen 95; Inverciped 93 Coationdee 66; Invine 76 Cumbernauld 69; Falloth 88 West of Scotland 69. Team Establishment CC 249340 BORDER CA HILLY (West Susses, 21 Idometres) 1. P Pickup (Festival RC) 32,49; 2. C Brich (Alton CC) 34-22; 3. A Develor (Northownes) 34-34. Team; Rother Valley CC 1:55:09. (Northowers) 34:34. Teams: Hother Variety CC 15:509. SUTTON BANK CLASSIC (North Yorkshee, 11 miles): 1. L. Holmes (Morley CC) 29:56: 2. R. Almadell (Ottoy CC) 30:02; 3, 1 Cooles (LE James FIT) 30:23. CAPDEFF AJAX GC (Rogerstone, Gwent, 10 miles): 1. R. Lyre (Team Bristol) 27:20; 2, C Pitichard (Olympia Sport) 21:36; 3, 3 Pritchard (Olympia Sport) 21:36; 3, 4 Pritchard (Olympia Sport) 21:36; 3, 3 Pritchard (Ol BOXING LIVERPOOL: World Boxing Union lightwallerweight chemptonship: Shea Nesh(Arcypool, helder) by Jeremish Mallings (SA) rsc 3rd. European light-heavyweight chemptonship (vacant) Casefood Ashiey (Leeds) bt Roberto Dominguez (Sp) to 3rd. Heavyweight (Smots): Uni festration (Fas. b) (Maltew Ellis (Blackpool) rsc Sh. Welterweight (Smots): Union Scarlet (Dudhyld to Duma Berry (Lerby) disc (Sh. Lightwelterweight (Smots) Peter Richardson (Midchaelmought is John Smith (Liverpool) rsc Sth. Super-leastherweight (Amba): David Burkar (Liverpool) bt Evere Baltar (Worcestor) pts. Feetherweight (Hards) Alex Moon (Liverpool) bt David Jeffenes (Boumemouth) rsc 2nd ATLANTIC CTTY. New Jersey: Inter-Attends division W L T Pts F A Philadelphis 36 17 10 211 162 82 Now Jersey 32 18 12 171 146 78 Ronda 29 20 15 175 148 73 NY Rangers 26 27 8 204 179 65 Tampa Bay 25 30 7 172 191 57 Wisshington 24 37 7 168 176 55 NY, Islanders 20 32 10 165 186 50 **EQUESTRIANISM** Northeast division 33 20 10 184 156 76 31 26 5 220 205 67 24 30 17 202 229 69 24 29 9 176 185 57 21 29 13 178 187 55 21 33 9 184 224 51 PARIS: Volvo World Cup qualifier; 1, Writial Village Welham (J. Whitaler, GE) 0 Ituats in \$6.81sec; 2. Unic. Revillon (H. Godigmon, Pr) 0 in 38.82; 3, Vinual Village It's Cito (B. Billington, GB) 0 is 40.25. Leading World Cup positions; 1, P. Reymalers (Holl) 72; 2, M. Whitaler (GB) 65; 3 equal, J. Whitaler and f. Beerbaum (Ger) 82. Buffaio Pitaburgh Montreal Hanford Ottawa Boston Freefinstione RC) at 3:02. SPRINGTIME PURSUIT (Boxey Tracey, Devor, 58 kilometres): 1, D Moore (Mid-Devon, CC) 1:30°18; 2, J Fabrizto (Wolfington Wh); 3, A Perker (Mid-Devon CC) all same time. ASHFIELD RC (Denley Moor, Denbychire, 53 kilometres): 1, S Gemble (Controlware RI) 1:22°00; 2, P Kennedy funatisched) same trme; 3, G Richerdson (Covertly Olympic) at 20sec WOMEN'S CRA HANDICAP (Milton Koynes Bowl, 25 miles): 1, G Gallagher (Issim Koras) 1:04°15; 2, T Way (Cambridge Town and County): 3, P Freestone-King (Leichworth Velo) at came time BIATHLON ROSENALI-WINDISCHGARSTEN. Austrie: Europeen championships: More: 10km: (, APaden (Russ), 28mm 24 7sec; 2. J. Poldukar (Stovotra), 28256, 3, J. Globornik (Stovotra), 28256, 3, J. Globornik (Stovotra), 282324, 20km; 1, S. Rojow (Russ), 1hr Obran, 25.20c; 2, T. Sikora (Pol), 101585, 3, M. Morgonstem (Got), 102:329, 4 x 7.5km; relay; 1, Gomany ihr 2 timn, 31 7sec; 2, Russia, 122:10.2; 3, Norway, 123:12.9 Women; 7.5km; 1, A. Stara (Pol), 23mn 06.0sec; 2, T. Martynova (Russ), 23.14.2, 3, N. Sardov (t), 23:20.9 t. Store; 1, A. Stara (Pol), 23mn 06.0sec; 2, T. Martynova (Russ), 51:41.8, 3, S. Mirokova (Storalici), 61:59.1, 3 x 7.5km; relay; 1, Russia, 1, 28:34.2; 2, Germony, 1, 29:35.5; 3, Casch Republic 1:30:01.3 (Bournemoush) is 2 2nd ATLANTIC CITY, New Jerney; Inter-national Bording Council middleweight chearplorishty: Hector Camecho (P Rico) bt Sugar Ray Leonard (US) isc Sth. PARIS: World Boating Council lightweight championishty: Stave Johnston (US) bt Jean-Baptiste Mendy (Pr, holder) pts. Vester Conference Cantai division W L T Pts F A 38 23 4 197 159 80 31 19 12 198 144 74 28 29 8 192 199 64 28 31 4 181 197 60 25 30 9 167 165 59 24 37 2 184 221 50 BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Demin 106 Boston 100 (OT): Golden State 117 New Jersoy 108. Orlando 94 San Antonio 7.3. Altarita 86 LA Lohers 75. Indiana 104 Milwaultee 85: Seattle 96 Mem 95; Chicago 126 Sacramonto 108; Now York 112 Denvier 108; Portland 115 Utah 105, Philadelohia 104 Vancouser 100; LA Clopers 94 Toronto 92 Saturday: Wachington 118 Golden State 108; Cleveland 93 Boston 81; Houston 89 Dalles 80; Sacromonto 103 Milwaultee 92. Eastern Conference Altarile division W L Pet 68 Miam 42 15 737 — New York 42 16 724 5 Ottando 30 25 555 11 Wachington 26 31 456 16 New Jersey 17 39 304 245; Philadelphia 15 41 288 265; Boston 11 46 193 31 Central division GOLF **TENNIS** FEDERATION CLIP. World group one: Belglum 4 Spein 0 (Belgum names first 5 Appelmans bt M. L. Serra 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; Edilium to 1 M. Serra 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; Edilium to 1 M. Serra 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; Edilium to 1 Serra 6-1, 6-6, 3-6, 6-6, 6-8 one of Serra 6-1, 6-3); Germany 2 Casch Republic 3 (Germany names first Methylapper bt I. Pottanova 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; M. Weingarner bt I. Pottanova 3-6, 4-6; Pittiner lost to A Geral 6-4, 6-2; Rittiner lost to Geris 6-2, 6-2; Rittiner and E. Wagner bt Richterova and E. Martincova 7-6, 6-5; Holland 3 United States 2 (Holland names inst: M. Germans bt M. J. Fernandez 6-1, 6-4, B. Soultz-McCarthy lost to C. Rubin 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Oriemans bt Rubin 6-1, 6-4, Schutz-McCarthy and M. Bollognat lost to G. Fernandez and K. Po. 6-3, 6-2; Jepan 1 France 4 (Lapan names first: N. Sowarmatsu loat to M. Pierce 6-7, 6-4, Supplyans bt Pierce 7-5, 6-7, 6-4, Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-5, 8-4; Suplyans bt Pierce 7-5, 6-7, 6-4, Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, 4 Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, 4 Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, 4 Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, 4 Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, 4 Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, 4 Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, 4 Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, 4 Swayman lost to N. Taucsel 4-6, 7-6, 4 Swayman lost to N. 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Swa trady (195.3 Benetus (09.4 Groat British 1875 Overestit 1, France 250cis; 2, Italy 241; 3, Benetus 1875, 4, Great Britain 160.5 CHEMANTZ, Germany, Junkor Indoor international (Great British v France v Germany): Winners and British: Merz 60m; 1, Ottambers 6676ex; 2, C Majcotm 667 200m; 1, M Findlay 21, 77. 4, 8 Toptes: 21 85. 400m; 1, K Seward 4778; 3, M Rowlands 48.63. 800m; 1, R Davoile Imm 51 58sex; 3, C Moss 18.25.0 80m huadleer; 1, O Mussard (Fr) 7 87, 5, C Hargrane 8.25; 6, L O'Nest Collins 8.37 4 x 200m relay; 1, Great Britain (Malcolm, 1 Horsburgh, Findlay, Chambers) Irrein 25.53sex High jump: 1, B Chaffenger 2.20m; 4, C Medistair 2 05 Pole vault; 1, L Borgeling (Ger) 5.20; 3, C Luzkuy 4.70; 4, A Perk 4.50 Long Jump: 1, S Bigdoli (Gar) 7.39, 5, S Welk, 6.90, 6, N Dowself 669 Triple jump: 1, Wallace 15.38; 3, N Thomas 15.14 Shoot; 1, R Barter, 6(Ger) 18 00; 3, C Myerscough 16.77, 6, E Udochulu, 14.34 Slom welk; 1, M Houkfusch (Ger) 22mm 16.54sex; 4, M Kemp 23-52.86, M Helss desp, Match result; 1, Great Britain Style; 2, Germany 86; 3, France 72 Womens 60m; 1, A Reuss (Ger) 760cc; 1, C Marry (Ger) 200; 5, E Mardle 25.49; 6, H Roscoe 25.58, 400m; 1, K Settz (Ger) 54.48; 5, L Owerus 56.99, 6, S Roberts 57.42, 800m; 1, D du Hean (Ger) 2mm 07.84sex; 3, E Dawes 200.27; 4, S Herdy; 210.12, Sept. 14.20, 15.35, J Prott 8.68, 5, N Geother 88, 4, 4, 200m; relay; 1, Germany 107, 12.89; 5, J Johnson 11.93; 6, S Wilsers 11.56 Shot; 1, N Barte; (Ger) 13.64, 30m well: 1, Germany 12.10s; 2, France 79, J, Geother 13.86, 4, C Bonnett 13.64, 30m well: 1, Germany 1451 86, S Bernett desp Match result: 1, Germany 12.10s; 2, France 79, J, Geother 13.86, 4, C Bonnett 13.64, 30m well: 1, Germany 12.10s; 2, France 79, J, Geother 13.86, 4, C Bonnett 13.64, 30m well: 1, Germany 17.12s, 2, France 79, J, Geother 13.86, 4, C Bonnett 13.64, 30m well: 1, Germany 17.12s, 2, France 79, J, Geother 13.86, 4, C Bonnett 13.64, 30m well: 1, Germany 17.12s, 2, France 151; 3, Geother 13.86, 5, Bernett 13.86, 30m well: 1, Germany 17.12s, 2, France **CRESTA RUN** 24 37 2 184 221 00 Pedito division 39 16 8 211 151 86 29 29 7 203 198 67 27 31 7 176 189 67 28 30 7 183 188 59 28 33 2 201 216 39 28 33 2 201 216 56 24 33 8 175 210 56 22 34 7 162 209 51 NIGEL MOORES MEMORIAL RACE: 1, R R Garsser (Switz) 138 63eec, 2, J U Degistionin (Switz) 138 95, 3, J L Woolf (GB) 140 06 4, G Pasch (Switz) 140 08; 5, H Sufficient (GB) 140 86, 6, Lord Wrottesley (GB) 141 86 Colorado Edimonton Calgary Anahem Vancouver Los Angeles San Jose Time trials EAST SURREY RC HARDRIDERS' (Rei-gate, 33 miles): 1, S yains (Team Clean) thr 8min 50sec (course record): 2, T Stevens (Team 2000): 1 12:19; 3, R Hughes (Clea-eance Wheelers) 1.12:53. Team: Festival RC 3.5022 BILLIARDS CRICKET TOUR MATCH: Gisborne (first day of three) New Zestand A v & Lankans — no play, rarr. TOUR MATCH: Kingston (escond day of tour) Jamena 453-9 date (£ R Wilkans (12 not out 1 o Provel 79), Indians 65-1. RED STRIPE CUP (third day of four) Georgetown, Guyaras: Berbaxios 240 and 147-1 if P A Wallace 69); Guyaras: Berbaxios 240 and 147-1 if P A Wallace 69); Guyaras: 164 (10 D Gàtzon 5-59). Roseesu, Dominica: Windward Islands 199 and 214 (1 Syboster 70 not out): Trinicad and Totogo 370-9 dec (Suut) Regoonalh 120. R A M Smith 52, B C Lars 53). MERCANTILE CUP: Final: Perth (one day) Cuestral and P Jones Port Tabol Winesiers 55-22, 3, S Edwards and C Barwell (Rondold Valley CC) 57-30. MERCANTILE CUP: Final: Perth (one day) Cuestral and 148; Western Australia 149-2 (R J Campboll 50). Western 149-2 (R J Campboll 50). Western 150-2 (R J Campboll 50). Western 150-2 (R J Camp **CRICKET** San Jose 22 34 7 162 209 67 SUPERLEAGUE: Play-offs: Group A: Newcastie 2 Cardiff 5. Group B: Sheffield 3 Bracknell 2: Beargstoke 1 Nothingham 5. PREMIER LEAGUE: Swindon 16 Solitud 3: Tellord 7 Paterborough 5; Kingston 2: Guildford 5 NORWICH: Strachen United Kingdom championahip: Quarter-finals: M Russell (Engl bit E Hughes (lee) 2.185-823 R Chapman (Engl bit D Causer (Engl 1.164-1.084; S Multani (India) bit I Williamson (Engl 7-88-672; A Russe final **ICE SKATING** Central division 50 7 877 42 14 750 38 18 679 36 22 621 32 24 571 27 29 482 25 32 489 20 37 351 HAMILTON, Ontario: ISU Chempions' swites finel: Men; 1. E. Stojko (Car) 1 Spisr; 2. T. Edizedge (LS) 3.5; 3, A. Hirmanov (Russ) 4.0. Women: 1. T. Lordski (US) 1.5; 2. M. Kwan (US) 3.5; 3, I. Stutskaya (Russ) 5.0. Petrs: 1, M. Wootzel and I. Steuer (Ger) 1.5; 2. O. Kazalova and A. Dimbriev (Russ) 3.0; 3, M. Bissone and A. Bushitov (Russ) 4.5; Oence: 1, S-f. Bourne and V. Kraatz (Cari) 24; 2, A. Krylova, and O. Ovtsaynikov (Russ) 3.4; 3, M. Aristona and G. Peiceret (Fr) 6.0. **BOWLS** YORIK: English Women's Indoor Bowls Association national championships: Fours Cuarter-lineals king George Field to Chewell 20-18: County Arts bit Plymouth MayBower 27-18: Richardsons to Weaden 28-18: Solent bi Egham 19-17: Semi-finals King George Field bit County Arts 21-13: Richardsons bit Solent 22-17: Final: King George Field bit Richardsons 22-13: Unidersit singles: First nounty A Gowchail (Louth) bit E Alexander ICdy of Byl 21-16: C Northail (Teighbaidege) bit B Hit (Tibuny) 21-10; D Smitt (Old Mill Leisure) bit K Stanley (Northampton) 21-15; A Knott (South Shields) wo L. Puli (Easi Donsett: L Whitehead (Northal to E Reynolds (Peterborough) 21-16; Plazali (Mote Park) bit M Gavann (Bentham) 21-7; H Walt (Church Gresley) bit S Siety (Act) 21-9 Chuarterfinals: Gowchail bit Northall 21-16; D Waltehead Of Knott 21-13; Hazell bit Walt 21-5 Semi-finals: Gowshall bit Marel 21-16. Two-wood Imples: First round; Bentham bi Beccles Indiana Milwaukee Toronto em Contere west divisio W L 40 16 38 20 29 27 19 36 17 41 13 43 11 49 GB 3 11 Utah Houston *Miznesuta* Dallas Derwer San Antonio Vancouver LACROSSE SHEPHERDS FRENDLY SOCIETY: Pre-maer division: Boardmen and Eccles 15 Oid. Weconiaris 7: Heaton Memey 18 Poyston 5. Stockport 6 Cheade 13: Timperley 18 Moortrope 5; Hulmeians 9 Cheadle Hulma 7 NEWBLRY: Women's jumlor inter-metionals: Wales 8 Scotland 4: England 23 Scotland 1; England 19 Wales 3 5-2, 6-2 PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament: Cuerter-finals: P Sempras (US) bt D Flach (US) 6-4, 6-2; P Retter (Aus) bt B Black (Zm) 6-3, 1-6, 6-1. Semi-finals: Sempras bt G Schalken (Holl) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, Refter bt G Stafford (SA) 6-3, 6-4 Pagific division 40 16 .714 39 19 684 30 29 517 25 29 463 26 32 448 21 35 375 21 36 368 Station (3A) 6-3, 6-4 BUSHEY: Women's challenger: Quarter-finals: R Sendu (Rom) bi O Lugna (Un) -6, 6-4, 6-4, D Chadrone (2d) bi Voungo (Hun) 6-2, 6-4; O Barabanschikova (Bela) bi E tatarkova (Un) 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, L Colorsa (II) bi S Frober (Hol) 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, Semi-Brests: Barabanschikova bi Golarsa 7-5, 4-6, 7-6; Sandu bi Chiadiova 6-1, 6-2, Finet: Barabanschikova bi Sandu 6-1, 7-6. LA Lakers Portland LA Clippors Speramento Golden State Proensx 1 % 11 14 15 19 19% MOTOR RALLYING NA/ROBI, Kenye: Salari ratiy: Leading standings after nine stages: 1, C McRae (GB, Subaru) 8hr 10min 15sec; 2, R Burns BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Friday: Worthing 64 Chester 85 Saturday: Hernel and Wathord 101 Barningham 115, Derby 82 System Separate HOCKEY NATIONAL, LEAGUE: Premier division: Barlord Tigers | Southgalo 2: Canterbury | East Grinslead | Guiddord 2: Old Loughtonans 0: Hourslow 3 Havant 5, Surbion 3 Cannock 3, Teddington 3 (Menchesier GS) Over 86kg: J Haywood (Tonbridge) Teams: 1, Pangbourne; 2, Winchesier, 3, Si Paul's. Buddkwal eward (best fighting spriit): D Miller (Aldenharn) City of Oxford 1 Hayes 3: Eastcole 6 West Hampstead 0, Harrow 4 Genards Cross 5. Headington 2 Milton Keynes 3. Newbory 3 OMT 0: Richings Park Markow 4, Steines 1 PHC Chewick 1. Sunbury 3 Familiam ATHLETICS ATH LETICS NEWARK TSB English achools crosscountry championships: Senior boye: 1, D hyde (Devon) 23mm 08asc; 2, J Mooney (Northumberland, 23mm, 08asc; 2, J Mooney (Northumberland, 23mm, 08asc; 2, J Mooney (Northumberland Inhermackate boye: I Ahmed (South Yorkshire) 17:32. Team: Greater Manchester, Junior boye: M Farah (Middleses) 15:47 Team: West Midlands Senior gitts: 1, K Fletcher (Derbyshire) 14:47; 2, M Forster (Northumberland) 14:53; 3, C Radnor (Buolinghamshire) 14:54. Team: Dunham Inhermadiate gitts: J Swellow (Essel) 12:56. Team: Northumberland Junior gitts: C Terry (Merseyside) 12:35. Team: Essex. **FOOTBALL** FOOTBALL VICTORY SHEED UNDER-15 RITER-NATIONAL: Northern letered 0 Wales 0 (at Durgannon). English Full Film Trophy. Outbrettered: Lineapool 4 Coversity 2; Selton 5 Leeds 0 FA Premier League Under-18 Trophy: Darbyshire 9 Northurnberland 1; Gloucestershire 4 Oxfordshire 5 English Shickers: Under-19 Trophy: Sproweton 1 Parmillers 1 (Heritord win 5-4 on parveities); Longford 4 Lord William 1 Surrey Stack Cup: Final: Croydon 4 Guidoford 3; Kent Cup: Semi-finals: Graveshire 3 Mediway 2; Bedey 1 Orpinglon 2. Other match: Colle's 1 King's, Cardestoury 1 DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE LEAGUE: Premier division: Blassomheld 0 Covernry and North Wanvicks 1; Hampton-in-Arden 0 Bloswitch 2; Harborne 1 Loughborough Students 1, Notingham 14 Knalsa 0, Ollon and West Wanvickshire 4 North Notis 1. Reading Teddington Cannock Southgate E Gristland Cantestury Guidkord O Loughton Housslow NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester 7 Formby 3, Harrogale 5 Swalwell Q, Norton 4 Springfields 2, Ramgarins 2 Neston 5; Southport 0 Ben Frydding 0; Timperley 0 Sheffield Bankers 3. . JUDO High WYCOMBE: Independent schools chempionships: Winners: Junior: Under 40kg; W Gregory (Sevenales). Under 40kg; D Winborne (Pengbourne). Under 50kg; Z Suhammri (Harrow) Under 55kg; R Hudson (Exor). Under 60kg; A Beyne (Pengbourne). Over 60kg; J Wildow-Jones (Abangdon). Intermediate: Under 55kg; H Taylor (Winchester) Under 60kg; B Flotter (Penachourne). Under 65kg; B Flotter (Penachourne). Under 65kg; A Noble (St ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier di-vision A: Cheinstord 3 Cambridge Univer-sty D: Colchoster 3 Peterborough Town 2-Coreham 2-Sudburg 3, basicht 2 Bishop's Stortbard 4: Redbridge and Bord 1 Cam-bridge Cty 5 Premier division B: Bedford Town 1 Clastran 3, lipswich and East Sulfolk 2 Norwich City 1: Luton Town 2 Porniord 1, Old Southendan 3 Bury St Edmunds 1 PRIST OWSION: Hall 3 Sourport 0: St Albaris 6 Troparis 1: Sheffield 2 Harleston Magginds 1: Orderd University 3 Gloucester City 3, Oxford Hawks 0 Fleebrands 1: Lowes 5 Edghoston 5, Icos 3 Denosater 5, Indian Gymfinana 2 Crostys 0, Beeston 2 City of Portsmouth 1: Bluefrarts 0 Brooklands 5, Bourmolie 3 Remine 2 HOCKEY Chariterhouse 2 Kingston GS 4; Felsted 5 The Lays 1; Felsted 3 Perse 4; Haileybury 9 Berkhamsted 0; Seglord 0 Hurstplerpoins 6 RUGBY UNION (Péngbourne), Under Battgr. A neuse (or Paul's) Under 70kgr. B Bratmen (St Paul's). Over 70kgr. B Bratmen (St Paul's). Over 70kgr. D Lutman (Loarrsed Victualists). 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Alt: 2,460 Matthew Preece, of St Paul's, right, throws an opponent on his way to a bronze medal in the Under 65kg senior section of the independent schools judo championships at High Wycombe. Report, page 34 Students J. Sherwood 2 Wound 2: Students J. Sherwood 2 Wound 2: Oil Loughtomans 1 Cheum 6 Harborne 0 Cition 5 Festering 0, Crinson Ramblers 2: Famborough (Harbis 0) Domessier 5 Eding 2 Harkston Maggies 0 Balsam Locester 4; Ipsamch 9 Reddicth 0, Leyland Martor 1 Hephosin 6 Loughborough Students 0 Salten Codifical 2 Cition will Sluedants Sough 10 Liverpool 0: Sundentand Bedans 3 Woling 4 Tropins 6 Beshop's Stortford 0 WindJohn 2 Sherwood: Whochester 1 ChemJord 6 Windhorson Hill 0 Canterbury 1 Silk Cut Plate 36 Swinton FINAL RESULTS FROM THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LENT RACES Hulf: Tries: Jackson 2, Danloy, Holmes, Lester, Liddard, R Noten. 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South Wales Police: Tries: R Price 3. Codd D Thomas Cons. J Price 2

Group A

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Group B

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Jennai Cox feels the pain of the competitors in a world championship described as a horrible experience

The sheer agony of going nowhere





Torture machine. Greg Searle, the British Olympic gold and bronze-medal oarsman, was among those competing in the world indoor-rowing championships. The majority had never been near a real rowing boat. This is their sport.

ifteen hundred bodies bounce back and forth like a series of grandfather clock pendulums. The shoulder blades on 3,000 arms twitch as they pull back then release. Eyes water and teeth grind as fingers blister and every muscle burns. From all corners of the Earth, they had come to wittingly endure seven minutes of agony on what has become known among veterans as the torture machine.

For the sixteenth year, the mostly lean, mean and addicted to pain had trekked to the United States last month to compete in the world championships in Boston of a sport that scarcely two decades ago was no more than a winter training tool for two American

Olympic oarsmen. In the 25 years since the brothers, Dick and Peter Dreissigacker, conceived the indoor rowing machine, it has acquired a cult following of approximately 14,000 people in schools, the armed forces and professional sports in 50 countries from Belarus to Japan to Holland.

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Greg Searle, 24, the Great Britain Olympic gold and bronze-medal oarsman, is among the 1,500 now attracted to the annual event, but the majority of the rowers, who fund the trip themselves, have never been near a real rowing boat. This is their sport. Three days before the event,

150 of the 400 European competitors gather at the Boston Sheraton Hotel. From a smart second-floor conference suite comes the nonstop whirring of 24 Concept II rowing machines installed for additional training. Rarely does a minute pass without some competitor, whether aged 17 or 70, putting in a few extra strokes of practice. They know that they are going to need it.

At the halfway mark of each 2,000-metre race in an athletics hall at Boston's Roxbury Community College, the faces of the rowers begin to contort. Fatigue shows first, followed by anguish, and, with 500 metres to go, determination fights self-doubt and helplessness until sheer agony takes control for the last few strokes. To watch is to feel the pain, but

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energy contagious.

Just as in conventional boat races, each competitor is accompanied by a cox who, as well as recording the time, offers a constant stream of encouragement. Because the "boats" are not moving, the crowd joins in and is heard for the duration of the race. "Keep it up, keep it strong, feel the burn, here we go, stay right with him, throw it up, crack it, power strokes, finish it," are

typical supporter cries.

The greater the expressions of pain, the louder the screams that reach a crescendo above the noise of the rambling commentary, like the sound of the chanting of football supporters. On completing their race, many rowers collapse with groans of pain. For a few minutes they do not move, save for heavy breathing and a wipe of their swearing brows. Still with eyes screwed tight and slightly swaying, the win-

ner then punches the air. The fast-growing appeal of this fairly monotonous looking and obviously strenuous sport seems bewildering. Some evi-dence suggests that word has got around among women in American gyms that indoor rowing is the secret to achieving a firm and pert behind. To most, though, the Concept II is the best all-body workout and rowers take their sport very seriously. John Wilson, a former competitive rower and one of the championship organisers, said: "Some people measure their lives by the

times they can do on the machine. It means everything to them.

Having tried the machine for the first time three years ago as part of a weight-loss programme, Su Larcombe, 39. decided last April to train for the British championships in November. She put in six sessions a week training in three different fitness centres and in the end took the gold in the senior women's race in both the British and Boston events. "This competition is not like an ordinary race. where you can see the others in front of you." she said. "This is just between you and the

monitor." Attached to the machine in front of each rower, a cigarbox-size timer tells them their pace over 500 metres, the time it is taking and the distance travelled. Despite the installation of computer screens alongside each ergometer. which show rowers their position were this a real race on water, most remain hypnotised by the digital monitor. This is how many get through the race.

he monitor means you cannot cheat yourself," Sean Morris, a six-foot 53-year-old film maker, who lost three quarters of a stone in order to qualify for the veteran's lightweight race and so stand a better chance of winning a medal, said. "A lot of self-deception goes on when you are training because your mind says you are tired so should slow down, but the monitor says I know this is hurting, but actually you are going quite slowly. A former Oxford rower, Morris says the indoor 2,000-metre race is as physically demanding as that sport, a horrible experience, he said. Few disagree.

Sarah Lauritzen, 28, from Denmark, was one of three lightweight women rowers whose best times were within two seconds of each other. This

records were set, a reflection of the degree of seriousness and level of competition that the championship now attracts. It is a good out-of-season training session for professional judging by the heightened athletes and a haven for the spirits of the 1997 champion-

Beaten by a five-times German champion to fourth place, Searle nevertheless said the event was "an awesome comnetition to be in". Ten world American college talent scouts ships, quite a few newcomers.

was her first time competing

in the indoor championships

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For those last 500 metres, I

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energy to finish in 6min 36sec.

trying to pull the best of the nation's sporting youth into rowing. For the many keep-fit and dry-rowing enthusiasts who

make up the greater part of the numbers, it is a satisfying challenge. Niels Hougard, an 83-year-old Dane, who took up rowing three months ago, was one of the many new faces, as was Vincent Sarich, a 62-yearold American who rowed 10,000 metres a day in training and took a silver in his first competitive race. He said he would be back next year, as will the other 1,499, and,

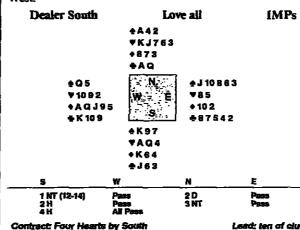


indoor championships in Europe and 80 around the world. Great Britain hosts charity rows and fitness-centre competitions. The indoor max triathlon includes swimming, stationary-bike cycling and rowing on Concept II. There is a Concept II Kids Club. Concept II website: http://www/concept2.co.uk, phone no: 0115 942

♪HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The success of this contract appeared to depend on the location of the ace of diamonds, but the declarer made a cost-nothing play that gave him a slight extra chance. It was reported to me by John Armstrong, the eminence grise of the North



North's response of Two Diamonds was a "transfer" bid, a common method over Notrump openings in the tournament world. It shows at least five hearts, so South is required to bid Two Hearts. Then, when North raised to 3 NT, he completed the picture of his hand, indicating that he had a balanced game raise with five hearts.

Whether South should pass 3 NT rather than bid Four Hearts is a much-discussed theoretical topic. He knows that his side has a 5-3 heart fit. If he passes 3 NT, the oppo-

sition might be able to run the club suit. The argument for passing 3 NT is that nine tricks are often easier than ten. as on this hand.

My policy is to pass on 4-3-3-3 hands, but to bid Four Hearts on hands with three or

more hearts in a 4-4-3-2 shape.

Dummy's queen of clubs

held the first trick, and declarer then drew trumps. It seemed that the whole hand depended on East holding the ace of diamonds, but declarer found an extra chance. He cashed the ace of clubs, cashed two rounds of spades ending in hand and led the jack of clubs, discarding a spade from dummy when West played the king. In most cases, that would just be postponing the diamond play. Here, when West's shape turned out to be 2-3-5-3. West had no black card to exit with. So, he had to play a diamond, giving declar-

er his tenth trick. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

A "race" against time

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Lords v Commons This Wednesday the annual

match between teams from the House of Lords and the House of Commons takes place at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, London. Included among the Lords line-up this year will be Lord Kilbracken, Lord Winston, Lord Rennell, the Marquess of Bath, Lord Drogheda and Lord Gaze. The House of Commons team includes Michael Stern, MP, Jeremy Hanley, MP, Gwilym Jones, MP. Bob Ainsworth, MP, Dafydd Wigley, MP, Nigel Griffiths, MP, Andrew Bowden. MP and Phillip Oppenheim. MP.

By and large, the Commons team has proved more suc-cessful, but last year Lord Winston, primarily known for his work on human fertility, won this incisive game against Bob Ainsworth, MP.

White: Bob Ainsworth, MP Black: Lord Winston

Lords v Commons, 1996 Slav Defence 4 e3 5 Nt3 6 Be2 7 0-0 16 Cxt3 17 Ne2 18 g3 19 a3

Diagram of final position **% % 1**

Top MP

The strongest chessplaying MP was undoubtedly Marmaduke Wyvill, who actually participated in the first international chess tournament that held in London in 1851 to coincide with the Great Exhibition. In a knockout format, Wyvill actually surpassed the acknowledged English experts of the day, such as Howard. Staunton and Elijah Williams. Although Wyvill lost in the final to Adolf Anderssen, the great German master, his second prize in such exalted company was truly remark-

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WORD WATCHING

APOGAMY a. Marriage with an alien b. Turning the back on c. Reproduction without sex

DEMIPENSION a. A Royal Navy pensioner b. Scholar at Merton c. Bed, breakfast and meal

FLOPSY

a. The yellow poppy b. A collapse c. A rabbit **APROSEXIA**

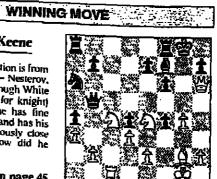
a. A cigarette b. Inability to concentrate c. Trans-sexuality

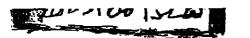
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By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Vladimirov — Nesterov, Soviet Uion, 1988. Although White sover Oron, 1988. Attribugh writte is the exchange (rook for knight) behind on material, he has fine outposts for his pieces and has his queen situated dangerously close to the black king. How did he

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FREE previews of The English Patient

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Love discovered and betrayed: clockwise from top, Ralph Fiennes; Fiennes in a romantic embrace with Kristin Scott Thomas; and Juliette Binoche

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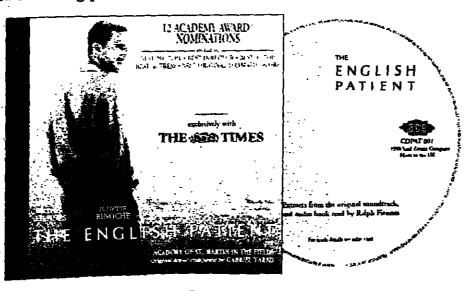
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and conductor Harry Rabinowitz.

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by Ralph Fiennes.

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in a case where Schedule 3 applied.

effect of section 9(3) was that the

restriction imposed by clause 4(3)

had to be disregarded to the extent

that it applied to milk supplied by

the company. In accordance with

section 9(7), paragraph 2 of Sched-

ulc 3 had then to be applied. To the extent that it applied to milk

obtained elsewhere, clause 4(3)

imposed a restriction and hence

The Court of Appeal disagreed

the agreement was not registrable.

with that but his Lordship pre-

ferred the judge's view. The pur-

pose of section 9(3) was to provide

for the supply of goods, however made, there should be left out of

which related exclusively to the

goods supplied. In determining

whether the Act applied account

should be taken only of the

remainder of the content of the

Thus the subsection called for an

examination of the provisions of an

agreement not in a formalistic way

but having regard to the substance of their content. A restriction

which applied both to goods sup-

plied and to other goods was to be

disregarded so far as it related only

to the goods supplied. So far as it

related to other goods the restric

tion was outside the section 9(3)

Lord Goff, Lord Mustill, Lord

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hat in the case of every agreement

Sir John Vinelott held that the

House of Lords

Whether agreement registrable

M. D. Foods plc (formerly Associated Dairies Ltd) v **Baines and Others** Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustill, Lord Nicholls of

Birkenhead, Lord Hoffmann and Lord Clyde

|Speeches February 27| To determine whether the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 applied to an agreement for the supply of goods, however made. the part dealing exclusively with the supply of goods should be disregarded and only the remainder should be taken into account. Section 9(3) required the substance of the agreement, and not its form,

to he examined. Where a restriction in the agree ment applied both to goods sup-plied and to other goods, it was to be disregarded so far as it related only to the goods supplied. The part of that restriction relating to ther goods was outside section

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, M. D. Foods plc. formerly Associated Dairies Ltd. from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Schiemann) (The Times July 6, 1995; [1996] ICR [83].

The court allowed an appeal by the first defendant. Andrew Baines, from a decision dated October 21, 1994 of Sir John Vinclott, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division (1995) ICR

On a summons taken out by Mr Baines under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the judge had held the restriction in paragraph 2(b) of Schedule 3 to the Act. Thus it was not registrable. The second and third defen-

dants, Philip Antony Denby and

Eric Taylor, took no part in the

Mr Kenneth Parker, QC and Mr Mark Brealey for M. D. Foods: Mr P. M. Roth for Mr Buines.

LORD NICHOLLS said that Mr Raines was a milk roundsman in Lancaster, buying milk from a wholesaler and delivering it from house to house.

In August 1989 he made a fiveyear milk supply agreement whereby the company agreed to supply and he agreed to buy all the milk he needed for sale from the company. If force maieure prevented the company from maintaining supplies, he could obtain milk elsewhere.

In January 1992 he started taking his milk supplies from an outside source, where he could obtain it more cheaply. The company started proceedings against him and obtained an interlocutory

One of his defences was that his obligation to buy all his milk from the company was void because the ent had not been registered under the 1976 Act. His summons rmine that issue came before Sir John Vinelott.

The basic scheme of the Act was that certain agreements were made subject to registration in a ster maintained by the Director General of Fair Trading. The agreements might concern goods (Part II of the Act) or services (Part

The instant case concerned restrictive agreements relating to goods. Section 6(1) provided, interalia, that the Act applied to agreements between persons carrying on business within the United Kingdom in the production

or supply of goods under which restrictions were accepted by two or more parties in respect of, among other matters, prices to be charged or recommended, the terms on which goods were to be supplied, the quantities to be produced or supplied or, in paragraph (f), the persons from whom goods were to be acquired or to whom goods were to be supplied, Mr Baines' agreement was an

agreement between persons carryng on business within the United Kingdom in the supply of goods. Thus, unless exempted, particulars f the agreement were registrable. There were two relevant exemp-

tions. Under section 28, the Act did not apply to the agreements described in Schedule 3. Paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 provided, inter alia: This Act does not apply to an agreement ... under which no such restrictions as are described in section 6(1) ... are accepted ... (b) by the party acquiring the goods, in respect of the sale, or acquisition for sale, of other goods of the same

The other exemption was in exemption and the statutory prosection 9 which set out a number of visions of the Act applied provisions which were to be disaccordingly. regarded in determining whether the Act applied, that is, "... any term which relates exclusively to Hoffmann and Lord Clyde agreed. the goods supplied ... in pursu-ance of the agreement." Section 9(7) spelt out how that was to work

Power to appoint new supervisor

In the Matter of the Insolvency Act 1986 In the Matter of a Licence

Holder Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment February 19] The High Court had jurisdiction to appoint a new supervisor of an individual voluntary arrangement in substitution for another even if the original proceedings under which the arrangement came into being was commenced in the

county court. In such a case the High Court had jurisdiction to order the transfer of the matter from the county court to the High Court so that it could appoint the substitute Mr Justice Carnwath so held in

the Chancery Division when granting applications by Andrew James Clifford to be appointed to fill vacancies as liquidator in voluntary liquidations and as supervisor of company voluntary arrangements and individual voluntary arrangements in substitu-tion for Mr A. The application was heard in chambers and judgment was given in open court.

Mr Cormac Smith, solicitor, for the applicant.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the applications were made with the support of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry by Mr Clifford, the corporate insolvency partner of Baker Tilly, accountants. They arose out of the need for the appointment of a substitute office holder in a large number of insolvency matters following the secretary of state's refusal of Mr A's application to act as an insolvency practitioner.

There were about 400 insolvency matters affected with an average of 10 creditors in each case. Baker Tilly had the resources to take over those matters at short notice and the purpose of the applications was to enable them to do so ex-peditiously and with minimum cost. The alternative, the holding of individual creditors' meetings. would be expensive and time

The 1986 Act introduced a regime regulating the stewardship of companies and persons subject to insolvency proceedings both in court and out of it. Those who wished to take office as insolvency practitioners were required to seek authorisation under the Act.

An office holder who had nreviously had the requisite authorisation could lose it either by a positive step taken by the competent authority, in this case the secretary of state, or by a refusal to grant an application for

Loss of authorisation had an immediate effect on all insolvency proceedings, but the precise effect differed between different cate-

a renewal

gories. The present case was directly concerned with three categories: voluntary liquidations. company voluntary arrangements and individual voluntary

In regard to voluntary liquidations, the effect of section 171(4) was that the liquidator automatically varieted his office if he ceased to be qualified. The office was therefore now vacant, and there was an urgent need to fill it.

What was required was an order appointing a new liquidator and the High Court had jurisdiction to do that by virtue of section 108(1). It was right to make the order in Mr Clifford's favour.

In regard to company voluntary arrangements, there was no mechanism providing for automatic vacation. The court had overall supervisory jurisdiction including power to appoint supervisors in substitution. Although there was no auto-

matic vacancy the previous super-visor could not lawfully continue to act and accordingly he had no legitimate interest in the matter. There was an urgent need to substitute a new supervisor and it was right to make the order sought in Mr Clifford's favour. In regard to individual vol-

arrangements, the only potential problem was whether the

High Court had jurisdiction to make the order where the original proceeding under which the individual voluntary arrangements came into being was commenced

in the county court. In such a case the matter must first be transferred to the High Coun before it could make an order under section 263 to appoint a supervisor in substitution. There had been some doubt about the power to do that in the absence of a specific provision in the 1986 Rules.

There was no express power for transfer of proceedings in respect of voluntary arrangements unlike rule 7.11 which applied in respect of winding-up or bankruptcy proceedings. That rule could not be stretched to cover other forms of insolvency proceedings, which was an expression separately defined

In Re Bridgend Goldsmiths Ltd. (1995) BCC 226) Mr Justice Blackburn held that there was no such power. But in Re Bullard and Taplin Ltd (unreported, May 2). 996) Mr Justice Knot declined to follow that decision by relying on Act 1984, and he confirmed that turrecorted, July 11, 1996).

His Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Knox. Under section 41(1) proceedings commenced in the

No goodwill and reputation

to the High Court at any stage if the High Court "thinks it desirable that the proceedings, or any part of them, should be heard and determined in the High Court".

That power was, by section 41(3) of the 1984 Act as added by section 2(2) of the Courts and Legal

Services Act 1990, "subject to any

provision ... made by or under my other enactment". His Lordship did not think that the mere absence of an express power in the insolvency scheme was to be regarded as a contrary provision to which section 41(1) was subject under section 41(3). There was no reason therefore for cutting down the wide words of

Accordingly, there was jurisdic-tion to make the necessary transfer orders to enable the applications to be dealt with in the High Court and the applications should be

His Lordship emphasised that the present matter justified exceptional treatment because of its urgency and the number of cases involved in different jurisdictions. It also involved a jurisdictional would normally deal with such matters, wished to have a defin-

Construing 'constructive trustee' for service

Ghana Commercial Bank v C

and Others Before Mr Peter Leaver, QC

[Judgment February 6] The words "constructive trustee" in Order 11, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court should be construed as referring to a constructive trustee against whom a personal claim could be made as well as one against whom a

proprietary claim could be made. Mr Peter Leaver, OC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division so held in a chambers judgment reported with his Lordship's consent, allowing application by the plaintiff. Ghana Commercial Bank, incorporated in Ghana with limited liability, for heave to serve the first and second defendants. Mr and Mrs C. and the third defendant, Mr L. out of the jurisdiction.

Mr David Wolfson for the bank: Mr Murray Shanks for Mr and

HIS LORDSHIP said that in

office in London to the head office in Accra. Only 11 of the books had The bank contended that.

books of bankers drafts from their

through a series of transactions. part of the proceeds of the missing drafts had been transferred into the account of the first and second defendants and another part had heen naid into the account of the

The bank now sought to recover moneys in the defendants' accounts or to trace those moneys into other accounts into which transfers had been made or into other property purchased with

those moneys. The plaintiff did not assert that any of the defendants knew of the theft of the drafts at the time of the transfers. On November I. 1996, Sir John

Wood, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, gave leave to serve the defendants by substituted service and made an order restraining the defendants

early 1996 the bank had sent 12 from disposing of, utilising, charging or dealing in any way whatsoever with any moneys in those accounts in so far as those moneys epresented payments in United States dollars from an intermedi-

ary bank to the defendants. A further order restrained the defendants in respect of the pro-ceeds of or the profits or the interest on those payments, includ-ing any property purchased with

Mr Wolfson submitted that the bank could attempt to recover the moneys stolen from it, but that if the defendants did anything with the moneys before they were notified of Sir John Wood's order they would not be liable because they were not constructive trustees

from the moment of receipt. If, however they had dissipated the moneys after they had knowledge of the injunction they would then have become constructive Mr Wolfson futher submitted that although there would be no personal claim

thereafter.

His Lordship said that the bank jurisdiction would be granted. Amhurst Brown Colombotti.

receipt and the moment of knowledge the bank none the less had a tracing claim in respect of that period

Referring to Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale v Islington London Borough Council ([1996] 2 WLR 802, \$37H-838A), Mr olfson said that it was arguable that the fiduciary relationship necessary for a tracing claim in equity would arise from the theft of the bankers draft. Thus the bank had a proprietary claim from the moment of receipt into the bank accounts and a personal claim from the moment of knowledge

had demonstrated a good arguable case that the defendants were constructive trustees within Order 11, rule I(I)(t) and that their alleged liability arose out of acts committed within the intrisdiction. I eave to serve the defendants out of the Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant;

established in slang term Haymarket Magazines Ltd Before Mr Justice Jonathan Parker

[Judgment February 13] "The box" was a slang term referring to a television set. There

was no serious issue to be tried in a passing-off action where a television channel called "The Box" alleged that it would suffer damage as a result of the launch of a television magazine of the same name. In the context of television, a plaintiff could not claim to have built up goodwill and a reputation

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division when refusing an application by the plaintiff. Box Television Ltd. for an interlocutory injunction against the defendant. Haymarket Magazines Ltd.

Mr John Baldwin, QC and Mr James Mellor for the plaintiff: Mr Peter Prescott, QC and Mr Daniel Alexander for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE JONATHAN operated a cable television music video channel called "The Box", was part of the EMAP

Group. Viewers could select music

videns by means of a telephone call. It targetted the 16 to 34 age group and was described as a cult channel at the cutting edge of the pop music industry. Advertisements were put on during

commercial breaks. The defendants, the publishers of a large number of magazines, and who had not known of the existence of the Box channel, had decided to launch a television magazine called The Box. It had done market research and run dummy issues.

The launch was planned for March 1997 and it was intended to be an "adult, witty, selective, informative magazine about television". The defendants were considered competitors of the EMAP Group which had itself considered launching a magazine called The Box.

The plaintiffs alleged that they had built up and owned substantial goodwill and reputation in the name "The Box" and the launch of the defendants' magazine under that title would result in passing

The plaintiffs said that the public and advertisers might be deceived and that the plaintiffs themselves might be deprived of the opportunity of launching their

own magazine.
His Lordship said that the first question was whether there was a serious issue to be tried. He rejected he submission that the plaintiffs had built up a reputation and goodwill in the name "The

That was a descriptive name. It indicated not the name but the nature of the product. That did not necessarily mean it had no goodwill. The crux was the context in which that name was used.

In the wider context "The Box" simply meant the television. In his Lordship's judgment, when used as the title of a magazine. The Box was simply descriptive of the magazine as a magazine of

Moreover, even if there had been serious issue to be tried, his Lordship would not have granted the interlocutory injunction. The certainty of losses to the plaintiff had to be balanced against speculative losses to the plaintiff.

The defendants had gone a long way towards launching the magazine and the balance tipped in withholding the favour of

Solicitors: Slaughter & May: Farrer & Co.

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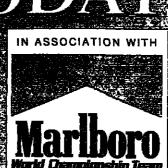


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THE SCORING SYSTEM

DRIVERS For each lap completed: 1 point. Finishing position: 1st 60 points; 2nd 50; 3rd 40; 4th 30; 5th 29; 6th 28; 7th 27; 8th 26; 9th 25; 10th 24; 11th 23; 12th 22; 13th 21; 14th 20; 15th 19; 16th 18; 17th 17; 18th 16; 19th 15; 20th 14. Qualifying position: Pole 30 points; 2nd 25; 3rd 24; 4th 23; 5th 22; 6th 21; 7th 20; 8th 19; 9th 18; 10th 17; 11th 16; 12th 15; 13th 14; 14th 13; 15th 12; 16th 11; 17th 10; 18th 9; 19th 8; 20th 7. Improvement from starting grid to finishing position: 3 points per place improved. Fastest lap: 10 points. Penalty points: Any incident resulting in a driver being made to start from the back of the grid or pit fane -10 points. Any incident resulting in elimination during a race -10 points. Not starting after qualifying for a race -10 points. Speeding in pit lane -5 points. Black flag -20 points.

CONSTRUCTORS Finishing position (first car only): 1st 30 points; 2nd 25; 3rd 24; 4th 23; 5th 22; 6th 21; 7th 20; 8th 19; 9th 18; 10th 17; 11th 16; 12th 15; 13th 14; 14th 13; 15th 12; 16th 11; 17th 10; 18th 9; 19th 8; 20th 7. Penalty points: Any incident resulting in a car being made to start from the back of the grid or pit lane -10 points. Any incident resulting in elimination during a race -10 points. Not starting after qualifying for race -10 points. Speeding in pit lane -5 points.

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MAKE THREE SELECTIONS FROM EACH OF THE FOUR GROUPS BELOW

DRIVERS

GROUP A

01 Damon Hill 02 Michael Schumacher **03** Jacques Villeneuve **04** Eddie Irvine

05 Jean Alesi

06 Gerhard Berger

07 Mika Hakkinen **08** David Coulthard 09 Rubens Barrichello 10 Heinz-Harald Frentzen 11 Johnny Herbert

12 Mika Salo

13 Olivier Panis 14 Jos Verstappen 15 Ukyo Katayama 16 Pedro Diniz

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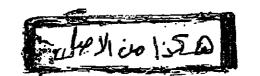
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LADBROKE GROUP: The secret of making money out of gambling and Retrovir. Meanwhile, Zantac, is knowing how to call the odds. It is not always that simple, as Ladbroke has found to its cost in previous years. Full-year figures on Thursday are expected to show a useful increase in pre-tax profit

from £121.3 million to £160 million. There is no shortage of momentum in its two main divisions. gaming and hotels, where it is looking to expand its interests through acquisitions and link-ups. Brokers will no doubt be wanting to glean further information from Peter George, chief executive, about the proposed get-together with Hilton Hotels Corporation.

Earnings growth is likely to be up almost 40 per cent at 10.3p, but the increase in the payout will probably be on the conservative side, with a 3 per cent rise from 6p to 6.15p.

HSBC HOLDINGS: Wrapping up the bank reporting season. HSBC, which owns Midland Bank, is today expected to unveil pre-tax profits of about £4.5 billion , against £3.67 billion last time. With a market capitalisation of more than £38 billion, HSBC dwarfs its rivals, with the nearest, Lloyds TSB, weighing in with a value of £24 billion. HSBC, like Standard Chartered, its much smaller competitor, derives more than half its profit from the Asian-Pacific markets. After the problems that Barclays experienced last week with a share buyback when £100 million was spent rather than the £300 million that was planned, HSBC is not expected to announce a similar scheme to enhance shareholder value, preferring instead to lift the dividend.

GLAXO WELLCOME: Full-year figures on Thursday should reflect the benefits of restructuring during 1996 after the acquisition of Wellcome by Glaxo in 1995. Pre-tax profits of the world's biggest drug manufacturer are expected to have grown 20 per cent from £2.49 billion to about £3 billion, with earnings growing 16 per cent to 57.3p a share. The group's portfolio of new drugs should provide an £800 million boost to overall group sales of £8.4 billion. These include the respiratory treatments. Serevent, Flovent, Flixotide and

the group's old favourite, is still doing better than expected, with a 20 per cent drop forecast in 1996, after going off-patent. It still accounts for about 21 per cent of overall sales.

Shareholders should be rewarded with a 17 per cent increase in the dividend to 35p.

BAT INDUSTRIES: Litigation in the US is likely to cast a shadow over full-year figures on Wednesday. A total of ten jury trials have been pencilled in for 1997, unless there is a settlement. Final profits of E2.79 billion have been forecast by NatWest Securities, compared with £2.66 billion last time, a rise of 5 per cent. Earnings should be 7 per cent higher at 515p a share.

Trading in the tobacco division will have been difficult, with profits in the US, which accounts for 34 per cent of the total, struggling to make headway. Any improvement in profitability overall will have been achieved in countries such as China. The group is struggling to hold on to market share in Europe. If recent new business figures

released by Allied Dunbar are any guide, results from BAT's financial services division may make disappointing reading. The 19 per cent increase in 1996 was below the sector average.

Eagle Star should benefit from capital gains, although brokers will want to know more about provisions for pollution and asbestosis.

BTR: These are the first figures since the group unveiled its strategy of disposals and, as such, will be watched with more interest than usual. It is unlikely that changes already made will have any impact on the results for 1996. The real benefit will come through in the current financial year.

The trading update in December did little to throw fresh light on the business, but brokers are still braced for a downturn in profitability. A figure of about £1.2 billion is being forecast when full-year figures are revealed on Thursday. That compares with the previous year's £1.4 billion, while earnings per share are likely to have fallen from 22.8p to 20.8p. Shareholders will also have to bite the bullet,



Peter George can expect to be asked if he intends to make a play for Capital, the casino operator

with the final payout cut from 14.7p to 9.6p, a drop of 35 per cent.

CADBURY SCHWEPPES: The disposal of CCSB for £622 million has been completed, but its performance last year should provide a boost to figures on Wednesday. Brokers expect a contribution of £115 million-plus. stretching the full-year pre-tax figure to £585 million, compared with £512 million. Earnings are expected to grow

from 16p to 17.1p. Now the group must decide on the best course of action if it intends to take on Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola on their home ground. Soft drinks sales in Europe have been dull. Sales of chocolate will have improved, but margins at Trebor Bassett have deteriorated as trading conditions improved. The dividend should increase by 7 per cent to 17.1p.

GKN: The group takes time off on

Thursday from the problems of litigation in the US to unveil fullyear figures. The automotive markets in both Europe and the US remain flat and teething troubles at Westland regarding the EH101 will cloud the picture.

This apart, pre-tax profits are expected to have grown in 1996 from £328 million to £366 million. with earnings better by 13 per cent to 64.6p. There is scope for a 3p increase in the payout to 27p.

ROLLS-ROYCE: The recent rejuvenation of the aerospace industry will be reflected in full-year figures on Thursday. Brokers have pencilled in a final outcome of £221 million, against £143 million last time, while earnings growth will

have soared 43 per cent to 11.3p. The market for spare parts always provides a greater boost to profits than the engines themselves and the spare parts market has improved. Combined with a lower spend on research and development in the wake of the Trent engine, this should provide much of the impetus for future growth.

ARIO WIGGINS APPLETON: Tough trading conditions and unfavourable currency movements are likely to show profits almost halved when full-year figures are unveiled on Thursday. This will more than offset any benefits achieved through restructuring.

NatWest is looking for £120 million, against £206 million last time, with earnings crumbling from 17.3p to 8.5p. The final payout may be pegged at 7.5p, although the cover is starting to look thin. Comments from competitors suggest that trading remains difficult, with price rises being resisted.

BICC: The group has already highlighted difficult trading conditions and margin pressure at Balfour Beatty. Despite this, growth at its optical cable division has been strong and the recovery in the US is progressing at an encouraging rate. Full-year figures on Wednesday should show pre-tax profits up from £109 million to £130 million. with earnings 18 per cent higher at 15p. Losses at Balfour Beatty are expected to reach £8 million.

ABP: A better performance is expected from Associated British Ports when the group unveils fullyear figures on Wednesday. These are expected to show pre-tax profits up 9 per cent from £88.2 million to £96 million, with earnings growth of 8 per cent at 19p.

The group will have benefited

from the growing economy and continued investment in existing facilities. A 15 per cent increase in the net dividend to 7.5p seems to be on the cards although brokers are not ruling out the possibility of a

windfall tax against future profits.

HAYS: The fast-growing logistics group shows few signs of losing momentum as half-year figures today will show. Pre-tax profits should be 16 per cent higher at £70.5 million, although this figure will not include a £7.5 million charge relating to its abortive bid for Christian Salvesen. The commercial division will have enjoyed another strong performance, but the main driving force will come from the personnel division, which accounts for 30 per cent of group profits. Earnings will have risen 15 per cent to 11.8p and shareholders will be rewarded with a similar increase in the net payout to 3p.

GENERAL ACCIDENT: Another profits downturn is expected tomorrow when General Accident extends the dividend season for the composite insurers. Final net profits are likely to have fallen from £436 million to £385 million. But there should be scope for an increase in the payout from 3lp to 33p. The group has been raising premiums aggressively in this country, but any benefit from this will be offset by losses in the US from bad weather claims.

ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE: There will be keen interest in full-year figures on Thursday from the newly merged business. Like General Accident, there is expected to be a decline in profitability, from E911 million to £834 million. The group has already forecast cost savings of £175 million a year and a net payout of 19p. The comparative figure would be 16.4p.

COOKSON GROUP: Brokers have steadily lowered their forecasts in recent months, mainly because of a poor performance by the group's electronic materials business. A further decline in profitability seems to have occurred during the last quarter, as full-year figures on Thursday will show. Pre-tax profits estimates are now pitched at £175 million, compared with £181 million last time. There seems little scope for recovery in the medium term, but there should still be room for an increase in the dividend from 8p to 8.8p.

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registrations (Feb), UK CBI distributive trades survey (Feb).

FRIDAY

Interiors: none scheduled, Finals: Greggs, Group Trust, Litho Sup-piles, Torex Group, Economic stat-istics: UK construction output (Q4), UK housing starts (Jan).

Markets keep wary eye on both sides of Atlantic

points of interest for the financial markets this week, including Wednesday's British monthly monetary meeting, widely expected to leave base rates unchanged. more Humphrey Hawkins testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, and the European Union's publication of new

harmonised inflation rates. The British week begins with the latest purchasing managers' survey, which gives the first snapshot of February manufacturing activity. There are also February figures for M0 money supply which, according to the market consensus compiled by MMS international, is expected to have grown 0.5 per cent. leaving its annual growth rate at 7 per

cent against 7.4 per cent in

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

January. This coincides with January consumer credit figures. Tomorrow sees the latest house price index from the Halifax Building Society and official reserves. Wednesday's monetary meeting is followed on Thursday by the CBI's

distributive trades survey. Markets will also be tracking events in America, where Mr Greenspan continues his testimony on the economy. Crucial figures come on Friday with February's employment report. The past two sets of figures have shown the non-farm payroll growing by more than 250,000 in each month and the markets will be particularly sensitive to

news of another large rise. given Mr Greenspan's warning that the Fed is on interest rate alert. In this context, hourly earnings data will be

of key interest.

In Germany there is a Bundesbank council meeting on Thursday and figures expected on unemployment, production and fourth-quarter gross domestic product. There is particular uncertainty over the jobs data after January's huge 160,000 rise in unemployment, which triggered great uncertainty about whether Germany can meet the Maastricht treaty deficit criteria. On Friday, the EU's new harmonised inflation rates will be scrutinised to see who is likely to meet Maastricht's inflation criteria.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Rolls- Sunday: Buy McCarthy & Royce, Williams Holdings; Hold Royal & Sun Alliance. The Sunday Telegraph: Speculative Buy Wiggins Group. Hicking Pentecost, Eve Group. Independent on Sunday. Buy Ewart. The Mail on

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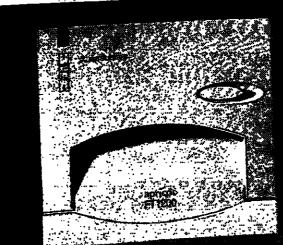
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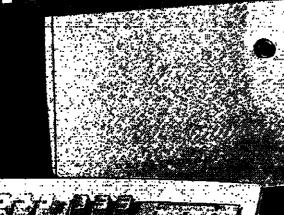
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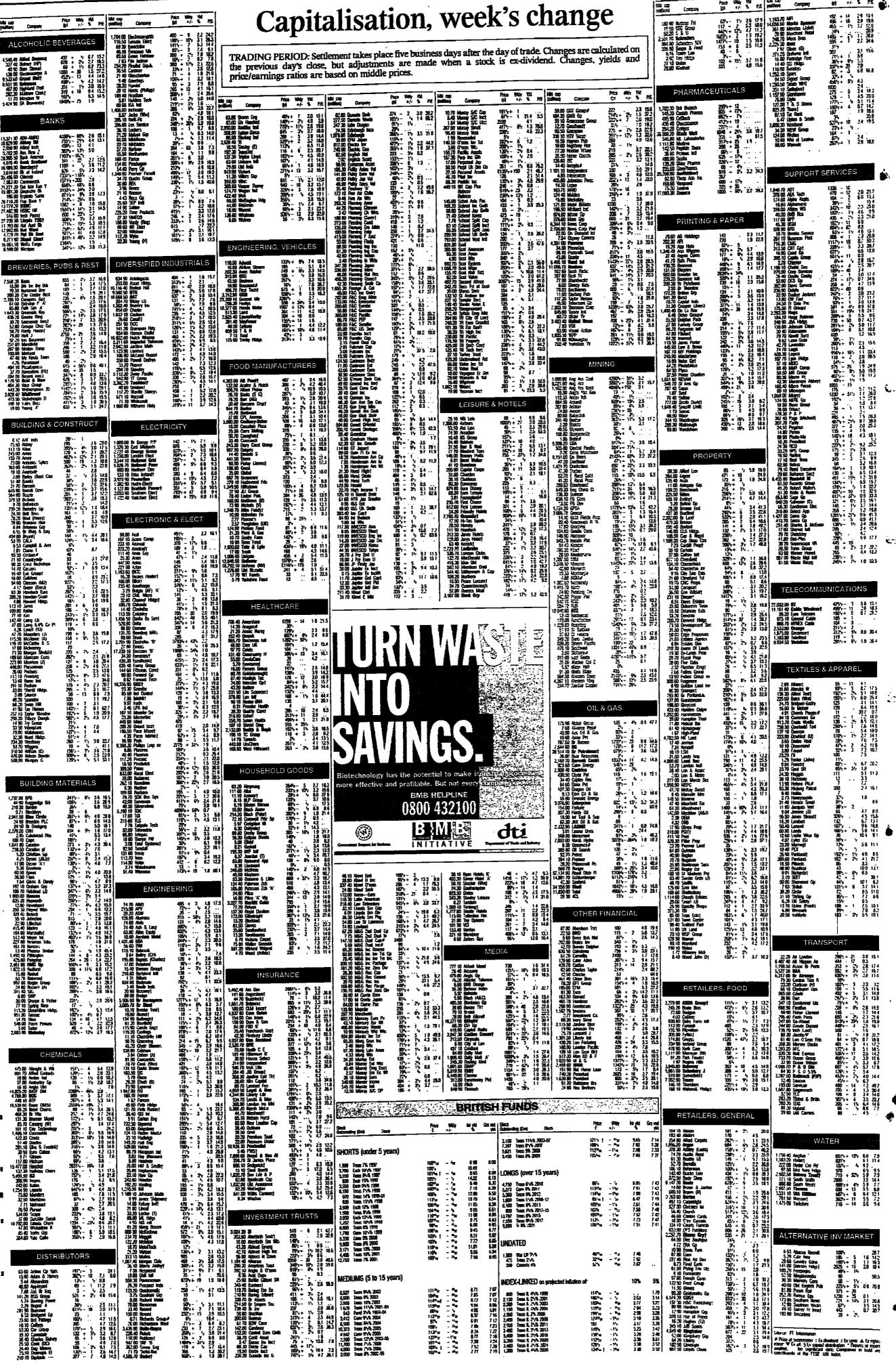
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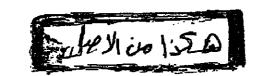
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Helping hand with tax self-assessment

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

CRITICS of self-assessment claim that it is just a way to privatise income tax. Geoffrey Adams is trying to prove it.

A former Inland Revenue special investigator, Mr Adams is building a network of private tax advisers who will provide a basic service for simple tax returns costing only £60 (including VAT), with a menu of add-on charges for more complicated "extras".

The British Taxpayers Association (BTA), the vehicle Mr Adams joined in 1990, is a tax advice firm set up in 1919, originally for First World War veterans, with a euphonious name that company registrars would no longer allow.

Mr Adams and Alan Richardson, his accountant chairman, have now transmogrified this to the equivalent of a franchise operation, marketing a network of vetted tax advisers using standard tax computer software.

The network of associates tops 100, overwheimingly firms of chartered accountants. Many are members of the linked CharterGroup Parmership.

British Taxpayers Association Self Assessment plc, the new holding company, is now trying to raise £1 million from investors to fund an advertising campaign aimed at more than four million people who will face self-assessment but do not have tax advisers.

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adviser. The shares will not be officially quoted but could be traded on the unregulated

Potential customers are mainly employees on PAYE and retired people who fear the unknown cost of hiring a conventional tax accountant. Advertising will start with the selfassessment regime in April but will build up as panic grows before successive tax deadlines in September and January.

Associates will pay 20 per cent of income brought in by BTA to the company. Mr Adams hopes for profits of more than £500,000 in 1998 and £1.4 million in 1999 if the network can win an initial 78,000 customers. rising to a 15 per cent share of a market reckoned to top one million taxpayers anxious to avoid being one of the 8,000 a year to be targeted for a full tax investigation.

Potential rivals include high street banks as well as American firms used to self-assessment. But Mr Adams argues that the Taxpayers Association name scores well, as does the idea of a personal service from regulated profes-sionals at a fixed fee. The scheme will only work, however, if customers maintain their own records for the advisers to process. Inquirers will, therefore, receive a helpful folder with instructions to put in anything that could attract tax or allowances.



Alan Richardson, left, and Geoffrey Adams

Gavin Lumsden looks at pensions reform

Warning on compulsory saving

NATWEST has added its voice to warnings that Britain faces a serious social problem in the next century unless the Government forces people to

pay for their own pensions. Last year. NatWest Life, the bank's insurance side, commissioned four experts, including Patrick Minford, professor of applied economics at the University of Liverpool, to look at pensions reform. Entitled A changing nation: retirement provision in the 21st century, the report, published tomorrow, pro-

vides evidence of a country whose increasingly aged and frail population cannot or will not plan for retirement.

In 1991, there were 8.9 million pensioners — and this will rise to 13.5 million by 2030. Within this, the number of those aged over 75 is expected to almost double to 7.9 million, with the over-85s growing

from a million to 2.8 million. At the same time, however, the value of the state pension is shrinking. Since its link with earnings was cut in the 1980s it has slipped from

representing 20 per cent of average male earnings to 16 per cent today. By the middle of the next century it is predicted to be just 8 per cent.

Even worse, an army of people (currently three million and growing) have no pension cover and will have to fall back on welfare payments. Even those in occupational schemes are underfunded: only 20 per cent of employees can expect to get more than half of their salary when they retire.

The report's authors - Pro-

fessor Minford, George Yar-row of Hertford College, Oxford, Robin Birch, chairman of Age Concern England, and Lord Taverne, QC - conclude that the State is broke and must institute a high degree of financial self-reliance. However, they are split on the state

pension's future. Lord Taverne and Robin Birch believe it should be retained as a safety net, while the two economists, Professor Minford and Professor Yarrow, say it discourages saving and should he scrapped.

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who founded the company

SCREEN, a provider of technology to security companies, 3p, valuing the company at 34, will become a paper millionaire with a holding

worth £2.5 million. In spite of the new money provided by AIM investors. only 26 per cent of venture capitalists consider the junior exchange a serious competitor, according to a survey from Levy Gee, the chartered

accountants. The figure has grown from 16 per cent in the last survey and AlM is still seen as a larger threat than Easdag, the Pan-European market for high-growth com-panies, which is rated by only 10 per cent of venture capitalists.

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Sterling's strength to hinder industry

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE strength of sterling will make life difficult for British manufacturers over the next two years, threatening both exports and investment, according to the latest outlook from Oxford Economic Forecasting,

Manufacturing is expected to grow only 2.25 per cent this year compared with growth in the economy as a whole - powered by consumer spending and services — of 3.25 per cent.

Investment will continue to be disappointing. Oxford notes that most of the factors pointing to a strong recovery in investment have been around for a while with no obvious impact, and that the stronger exchange rate will discourage investment both by reducing capacity utilisation and by hitting corporate profits.

The forecaster sees a worse situation in 1998 when overall economic growth is expected to falter to just under 2 per cent as sterling's strength takes its toll of exports, and post-election increases in interest rates start to bite. Industrial production is forecast to expand only 0.5 per

cent next year. Oxford is far more pessimistic on investment than the Government which, in its Budget forecasts in November, pencilled in investment growth of 6.25 per cent for this year. Oxford believes that investment will grow 4.1 per cent in 1997.

It noted that, since the trough in husiness investment in late 1993, it has risen 14 per cent. In the comparable period of recovery from the 1980-81 recession. ousiness investment rose more than 25 per cent. Manufacturing investment has risen 13 per cent over the recovery so far

compared with more than 35 per cent in the upswing in the early 1980s.

Oxford said that, although it is too soon to see an impact, sterling's strength is bound to make exporting harder. It noted that the Confederation of British Industry's latest survey found that firms citing price as a constraint on their ability to export had risen to the highest level since 1989.

On the positive side, sterling's strength should help inflation prospects, with factory gate inflation falling to 1.7 per cent in December, the lowest rate since the mid-1980s. However, Oxford still predicts that interest rates will rise after the election to rein back consumption. It assumes a rise in base rates from 6 per cent now to 7 per cent by the summer and argues that the increase could be greater if Labour wins the

Oxford believes that higher levels of employment, together with Budget tax cuts effective in the spring and windfalls from the flotation of building societies, should mean that consumer spending grows more than 4 per cent this year.

But it says this does not represent the outright consumer boom that some commentators are expecting. It notes that the consumption boom of the late 1980s was fuelled by financial deregulation and a massive build-up in personal sector debts which is unlikely to be repeated. If anything, consumers may want to pay off some of this overhang of debt, limiting the extent to which windfalls feed through

into consumption.



Bank of England staff test out their systems in Threadneedle Street for the start of the new sterling money market operation today. The latest step in the Bank's modernisation is the use of gilt repos in its daily operations for the first time as well as the broadening of its counterparties to step in the Bank's modernisation is the use of gilt repos in its daily operations for the first time as well as the broadening of its counterparties to include banks and securities firms. The Bank believes that these reforms give Britain modern money markets to compete with the rest of the world

IPD attack Labour's union plans

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S personnel managers today reject as "unworkable and disruptive plans by Labour, if elected to government, to introduce new laws on trade union recognition.

Although Labour has not detailed its plans, the party would provide for unions to be legally recognised for collective bargaining on pay, hours. holidays and training if a majority of the relevant workforce so desires.

But the Institute of Personnel and Development (IPD) today publishes a report drawn up by the London

School of Economics, which examines the two periods of statutory union recognition in the 1970s, and says that "trying again an approach which has failed before" is unlikely to offer solutions to Britain's competitiveness problems.

The institute says that the experience of recognition in the 1970s is a "salutary warning" that long-term relationships based on mutual trust and goodwill cannot be established by legal imposition. Geoff Armstrong, IPD di-

rector-general, says that employee support for trade unions has fallen dramatically, as has the coverage of collective bargaining, with collective class identity a very distant memory, at least in the workplace". He says trade union membership is no longer a natural and obvious choice, adding: Trade union-

ism is withering on the vine." Mr Armstrong points out that many companies now have more sophisticated channels of communication with their employees than those provided by trade unions.

The IPD's move comes as company directors today call

for a halt in all new employment regulations, with the Institute of Directors attacking steps such as the EU's working time directive and the inflexible and sometimes censorious attitude of the discrimination industry" employment tribunals on un-

However, the GMB general union will today break new ground for unions in Britain by announcing a link-up with German union. In addition. the Government's plans for new restrictions on unions' ability to call strikes are

fair dismissal.

criticised by the leading jobs think-tank, the Employment

Policy Institute (EPI).

Already widely attacked by employers, the Government's Green Paper on limiting strikes in essential or monopostrikes in essential or monopoly services is criticised in an EPI paper, which says that while last year's strikes on the London Underground and in the Post Office "may have taken the gloss off the Conserting Coursements design vative Government's claim that Britain is now a virtual strike-free zone", the Green Paper's measures are "a step

Russians to insure in London

A small AIM-listed insure has been asked by Gazprom, the huge Russian natural resources group, to arrange insur-ance for its oil and gas in-stallations in a \$22 million deal. Riceman Insurance Investment and Anglo-Russia Insurance, its 49 per cent-owned subsidiary, are to arrange cover at Lloyd's of London. Riceman has shareholder funds of £1.9 million and made a £250,000 loss for the year to January 31, 1996.

The willingness of Lloyd's to accept the risk will be a test of how much faith there is in Russia's economic stability.

£9bn merger

Hambros and Guinness Mahon, the merchant banks, are to merge their fund management businesses to create a new company with £9 billion under management. The new business will be called Guinness Flight Hambro Asset Management. The merging funds are Hambros Fund Management and Guinness Flight Global Asset Management.

EDS deals

announce deals in Central Europe and the Middle East worth \$400 million. EDS is the preferred bidder to run the computers for Israeli Military Supplies and is in final negotiation with the Czech Re-public's army and with a consortium of financial institutions in Poland.

Teledata jobs

Teledata, part of ScottishTelecom, will take on 150-200 workers in Glasgow by the end of June this year, and a further 300-350 jobs will be created by March 1998.

Sears sues Coopers & damages

BY ADAM JONES

SEARS, the troubled retail group, is suing Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, over

disputed VAT work. The retailer has issued a writ in the High Court demanding damages for the alleged breach of an agreement made in 1991.

It is also claiming damages for loss and damage caused by alleged negligence in Coopers & Lybrand's performance as accountants and tax advisers during the Customs valuation work. Interest payments are also being claimed.

Sears is listed as plaintiff with four subsidiaries: Footwear Corporation, BSC Footwear Supplies, Coopers (St Ebbes) and British Shoe Corporation. It is understood that the sum claimed is of the order of tens of thousands of pounds, relating to work carried out for Footwear Corpora-tion, a subsidiary of British

Shoe Corporation.
A spokesman for Coopers &
Lybrand said the writ was issued as a hedge against future deadlock because the deadline for any legal action was approaching. He said: Our understanding is that this is purely a protective writ relating to an ongoing client matter. Both parties are optimistic that it won't go past this point." The writ was issued by Timuss Sainer Dechert, of

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M&S to test clothing Lybrand for mail order in autumn

MARKS & SPENCER, the high street retailer, is preparing to launch trials of its longawaited clothing mail order service this autumn.

The new business will be run from Warrington, where the company has established warehousing and telephone sales facilities for its existing, smaller mail order services. The facilities are being expanded into a fully fledged

order fulfilment centre. The service will be run by Marks & Spencer alone and not as a joint venture. The company is expected to use its charge card database to target

customers. It is believed that Marks & Spencer has shown no interest in buying any established catalogue business. It has also

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(c) The price of bed, breakfast and one other meal at a hotel, etc.

Usually in reference to France or some other Continental

European country. "Cost? Demi-pension everywhere. Bread

and wine make a good third meal."

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consistently refused to say whether it has decided to launch a clothing mail order service, although it admits that it has been studying the possibility. According to a spokeswoman, the company has still not made a decision whether to go ahead or not. However, retail analysts are convinced that autumn trials

are now on the cards. Marks & Spencer, under Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, has been gradually expanding its range of home delivery services. It now publishes a furniture and homeware catalogue and offers a business clothing mail order service. It launched a Back to School catalogue last

autumn. The new venture will be the



Greenbury: expansion of home delivery services

first test by the company. which already controls to per cent of the British clothing market, of the market for catalogues offering its stan-

dard range of clothing. The launch of the service is certain to cause a stir in the increasingly competitive clothing mail order business. Last year Burton bought

Innovations and Racing Green, two niche mail order businesses. It is set to launch its own catalogues offering the full range of group brands within the next two years. These include Dorothy Perkins, Burton Menswear, Top Shop, Top Man, Principles and Evans.

The popularity of mail order for clothing retailers has apparently been inspired by the success of the Next Directory and N Brown direct catalogues, which sidestep the expensive agents used by the older, established "big book" catalogue companies.

Littlewoods, a big agency player, now has a non-agency catalogue while Great Universal Stores, the biggest player of all, is considering entering the niche, branded market.

Consulidation of the agency mail order sector was put on hold when Littlewoods' purchase of the Freemans mail order business from Sears, the struggling Selfridges-to-British Shoe retail group, was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Recommended Offer

Schroders

on behalf of

Williams Holdings PLC

to acquire the whole of the issued and to be issued share capital of

Chubb Security Plc

J. Henry Schroder & Co. Limited ("Schroders") announces on behalf of Williams Holdings PLC ("Williams") that, by means of a formal offer document dated 28th February 1997 (the "Offer Document") and this advertisement, Schroders has made a recommended offer (the "Offer") on behalf of Williams to acquire the whole of the issued and to be issued share capital of Chubb Security Plc ("Chubb"). Terms defined in the Offer Document have the same meanings in this advertisement.

The Offer is made on the following basis: 2 New Williams Ordinary Shares for every 3 Chubb Shares

and 704.12p in cash

The Office currently values each Chubb Share at 439.33p and Chubb's fully diluted ordinary share capital at approximately £1.3 billion The Office currently values each Chubb Share at 439.33p and Chubb's fully diluted ordinary share capital at approximately £1.3 billion based upon the middle market quotation of a Williams Ordinary Share of 318.5p as derived from the Official List for 24th February based upon the middle market quotation of a Williams Ordinary Share of 318.5p as derived from the Official List for 24th February and so in proportion for any other number of Chubb Shares held.

Chubb Shareholders who validly accept the Offer may elect, subject to availability, to vary the proportions they receive of New Williams Ordinary Shares and cash in respect of their holding of Chubb Shares. However, the maximum number of New Williams Ordinary Shares to be issued under the Offer and the maximum amount of cash to be paid out under the Offer will not be varied as a result of the Mix to be issued under the Offer and the maximum amount of cash to be paid out under the Offer will not be varied as a result of the Mix and Match Election. To the extent that elections can be satisfied, Chubb Shareholders will receive New Williams Ordinary Shares instead and Match Election. To the extent that elections cannot be satisfied, they will of cash, and vice versa, at the rate of 322,94p per New Williams Ordinary Share. To the extent that elections cannot be satisfied, they will be called down on a term bear.

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The full terms and conditions of the Offer, the Loan Note Alternative and the Mix and Match Election (including details of how the Offer may be accepted) are set out in the Offer Document, the Listing Particulars and the Form of Acceptance. The Offer has, by means of this advertisement, been extended to all persons to whom the Offer Document may not be despatched and

The Other has, by means of this advertisement, been extended to all persons to whom the Other Document may not be despatched and who hold, or who are entitled to have allotted or issued to them, Chabb Shares. Such persons are informed that copies of the Offer Document, the Listing Particulars and the Form of Acceptance are available for collection during normal business hours from Exchange Registrars Ltd, 18 Park Place, Cardiff CF1 3PD and from Exchange Registrars Ltd, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London Registrars Ltd, 18 Park Place, Cardiff CF1 3PD and from Exchange Registrars Ltd, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London

The Offer, which has been made by means of the Offer Document and this advertisement, and the Mix and Match Election and Loan Note Alternative, will each be open for acceptance until 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 21st March 1997 (or, in each case, such latter time(s) and/or Note Alternative, will each be open for acceptance until 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 21st March 1997 (or, in each case, such latter time(s) and/or date(s) as Williams, subject to the rules of the City Code, may decide). Application has been made to list up to 215,783,460 New Williams Ordinary Shares which may be issued in connection with the Offer.

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The directors of Chubb, who have been so advised by Rothschilds and Goldman Sachs, have stated that they consider the terms of the Offer to be fair and reasonable and have unanimously recommended all Chubb Shareholders to accept the Offer, as they have irrevocably undertaken to do in respect of their aggregate holdings of 1,830,992 Chubb Shares, representing approximately 0.6 per cent. of Chubb's undertaken to do in respect of their aggregate holdings of 1,830,992 Chubb Shares, representing approximately 0.6 per cent. of Chubb's undertaken to do in respect of their aggregate holdings of 1,830,992 Chubb Shares, representing approximately 0.6 per cent.

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Regent attempts to recover Czech losses

REGENT Fund Management. country's mass privatisation the aggressive subsidiary of Jim Mellon's Regent Pacific, is seeking to recover \$10 million after it attempted to acquire a Czech fund with no assets and no management.

Regent lost the money after its Czech Value offshore fund built up a 33 per cent stake in Trend Fund, a Czech privatisation investment vehicle.

It has since been alleged that Trend managers had siphoned off the fund's \$30 million of assets over six months. Now in the hands of administrators. Trend has become the centre of the Czech Republic's biggest ever financial scandal. Around 200,000 Czechs swapped the coupons they received in the One analysi said privatisa-

ecutive of Regent Fund Management, said the company had ripped off the Czech Ministry of Finance after it heard allegations that the Trend managers were selling

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By GAVIN LUMSDEN

Colin Kingsnorth, chief ex-

Bokor-Ingram, Czech Value's manager would stay, adding: -We have instituted a legal test case to recover the money. It will take a long time but we are confident we can get most





DIARY

Swansong of Norway

DANIEL LACK has made the joint Norwegian and Swiss break-up bid for Whessoe his swansong. A director at Crédit Lyonnais, Canadian-born Lack has been working since last June on the first joint cash offer of its kind in a contested bid. For the last two months, he has been working from his command centre at home in East Sussex. He was handed a brown envelope in December when the originations group at CL was integrated with the equity

All aboards

EWEN MACPHERSON, 55, must be keen to keep his hand in when he retires from 3i this year. He has just joined Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust as a non-executive director, and is already on the board of ScottishPower and M&G. But isn't there a conflict of interest here? Not at all. says Michael Hart, the trust's fund manager. "We already have Sir John Egan on the board and he is a director at Legal & General Provided Ewen doesn't do a Nigel Lawson and start advertising the other side's Peps I don't think it will be a problem."



Clarke with photograph

Negative Ken

KEN CLARKE was horrified to see himself captured in multicoloured splendour. As first mentioned in the City Diary, he was presented, on a visit to Rank Xerox's head office, with a digitally remastered photograph, taken when he moved into the Treasury. Looking at the garish snap of his electric blue Hush Puppies and luminous oink tie, he chuckled: "I look like a nightclub bouncer."

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UK carmaking resurgence driven by the Japanese

APPROPRIETION OF BRITISH CAR INDUSTRY

Honda's recent Civic launch

signposts

our motoring future, says

Kevin Eason

erhaps it needed the Spice Girls to liven things up and push the message into the headlines. As publicity stunts

Then, the Japanese are like that. A British company invests £5 in a new machine and teams of public relations people are on the phone for a fortnight extolling the virtues of their clients: Honda spends £260 million and the event slides by with barely a flicker.

go, this was about as low-key

But the simple unveiling of the Honda Civic was as significant an event for the motor industry as any, for it marked another dramatic change of gear as Japanese manufacturers — Honda, Toyota and Nissan - accelerate car production in this country. Intro-duction of the new Civic will raise output from Honda's plant at Swindon, Wiltshire, by a third within two years, to more than 150,000 cars a year.

That will make Swindon as big a manufacturing site as Halewood, Ford's plant on Merseyside, and bigger than Peugeot's plant at Ryton, Cov-entry. Unlike Ryton though, which is largely a local assembly plant, Swindon will make complete cars using 90 per cent components sourced from European suppliers — including 180 in Britain. Unlike Halewood, which makes just one model, the Escort, Swindon will be turning out the Civic and the mid-range Accord, and there are plans to add a third soon.

If there were any fears that the Japanese were doubting the wisdom of investing in Britain, as the pre-election Euro-row rages, Honda's unveiling provides ample evidence that the Japanese are working on a battle plan that goes well beyond the petty sniping of politicians. Hiroshi Okuda, Toyota's president, wounded the Government when he told Britain not to opt out of Europe, warning it that Japan's biggest motor manufacturer would be forced to review its plans for investment

in the wake of withdrawal. For the most simplistic, that meant the Japanese were setting off for home, leaving behind empty assembly lines and thousands of disappointed workers. Nothing could be further from the truth: the Japanese have invested about £3 billion in Britain and have done more to heighten this country's world standing as a car-producing nation than anyone since Sir Alec Issigonis invented the Mini.

The Japanese are here to stay and will be largely responsible for the huge growth in investment and production of the British motor industry as we enter the millennium. Over ten years they have helped to push production and export earnings to levels not

will car manufacturing be dominated by Rover. Ford and Vauxhall because the Big Three will become the Big Six when the Japanese factories are at full speed.

If Britain opted out of Europe the Japanese probably would halt future expansion — but all three are locked into investments that underpin the future of their UK plants, which will become even more powerful in Europe's car market, with at least nine separate volume models all made in Britain.

Compare that with the domestic business which, Rover apart, comprises factories that are effectively satellite production centres. Only Rover makes a complete range of cars in this country: Ford makes two - the Fiesta and Escort, though Escort production is to be moved to Germany - while Vauxhall makes the Astra and Vectra. Peugeot makes just the 306.

Nissan makes the Micra and Primera at Washington, Tyne and Wear, and will soon add a replacement for the Almera, by which time output will have topped 300,000, becoming the country's thirdbiggest carmaker. Honda is mning a new small car to add to its other two models, while Toyota is getting ready to double production from its Burnaston plant in Derbyshire, to about 200,000 cars a year, adding the bestselling Corolla to the Carina E.

Chances are high that Toyota will also develop a "super-mini" model for Burnaston. The expansion has been as rapid as it has been remarkable, with Europe's domestic manufacturers shaken not just

by the fact that the Japanese have been able to transplant their legendary efficiency and quality levels into Britain, but that they backed up their decision to come here with enormous investment.

Between the wars, Britain was one of the world's most powerful car producers, with Austin, Morris, MG, Riley, Wolseley, Triumph, Rover and Standard dominating the showrooms. India's first car was based on a Morris, even the Japanese turned to Austin to build British-designed cars under licence, while the first BMW was an Austin.

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6 The Japanese have done the most for our world standing since the

Mini was launched and the motor industry was cruising, earning export dollars with models such as the Jaguar Etype and the MGB. Production hit 1.921 million in 1972, a post-war record, with exports at more than 640,000 - but

already the writing was on the

Issigonis Mini 9

Factories were bloated, executives and workers alike made arrogant by success and, as a result, British cars stopped being the epitome of style and performance and gained a reputation for unreliability and slipshod quality. At the same sun was gaining in popularity. The impact of Datsun was

so great that "free-market"

Britain introduced an import quota on Japanese cars -about II per cent of all UK sales — that still exists today. It might have been described as "gentleman's agreement" but the intention was clearly to prevent domestic manufacturers being swamped by cheap, reliable Japanese cars at a time when they were in turmoil. The shakeout of the Seventies left the industry weak and carrying the legacy of outdated and largely unwanted models, so much so that, in 1984, UK car production hit a low of 908,000, with

just 192,000 exported. With Europe growing into a huge trading bloc and the yen gaining in value, making their cars more expensive, the Japanese needed European manufacturing capability that would allow them to manufacture cheaper cars, which could be sold freely — and in big numbers — for the first time.

Nissan led the way in 1986 to become the jewel in the crown of Japanese investment in Europe. The Washington plant is Nissan's most efficient and is scheduled to make 250,000 cars this year, including about 180,000 for export. worth more than £1 billion. Quality and reliability levels are so high that Washingtonmade Primeras are sold in Japan as a prestige product, complete with UK badge and a

Union flag on the boot. The three Japanese factories are expected to turn out about 600,000 cars by 1998, probably accounting for more than one third of total British output,

with up to 80 per cent for export worth £6 billion for the British economy.

Yet the success story of the Japanese transplant should not be measured by statistics alone, nor even by the spectacular productivity of the three British sites. Their influence has ranged through industry. Look what Nissan did to stimulate a moribund components industry when it arrived, forcing suppliers to examine their shortcomings if they wanted to do business with Japanese carmakers. Toyota and Honda reinforced the high demands, but all three have aided growth by signing long-term deals with component makers, guaranteeing security in return for

better efficiency and quality. The result is that some Spicer, GKN and Lucas have become world-class. Ev erybody has benefited with the result that other carmakers suddenly wanted to buy components here. Mercedes and Volkswagen both targeted suppliers in Britain, while Vauxhall and Ford are spend-

ing more here. Yet the Japanese have also restored self-confidence to the British car industry. British executives and workers now believe they are as good as anybody in the world; given the investment and the organisation, they are efficient, enthusiastic and ingenious.

Ten years ago, nine in every 100 cars made in Europe came from Britain; last year that figure was 12 in 100 and this year it will grow again as output heads towards two million cars a year. Thanks to the Japanese, the British are back.

Make-believe beanfeast

The Lipham Teste Radio 4 (FM) 10.00am.

Just about the last plant, you would expect to run into cowboys full of beans—and full of belief bears—is in a field in Telford, Shropshire. A touring Wild West Show? No sire. These are make believe cowboys, cowgirls and Indians, getting away from everyday boredom: Maverick, Whatt Earp, Crescent Moon and The Bitch, clinking around in their spors of lounging about in their tepees, hats trimmed with the skins of Tabbits, and nothing on under their buckskins. They are sixting fargers for the sneers of next-door neighbours. We had cowboys doing our double glazing!") Maureen Lipman, famed for her sardonic quips, is surprisingly tolerant of these folk stricken by what she calls "mad cowboy disease".

Voices of Sport. Radio 5 Live, 7.35pm.

In Ian Payne's profile of Eddie Waring, nobody denies that he was the commentator who made folks down South aware of what they were missing by not sharing the passion for rugby league emjoyed by folks up North. But Michael Parkinson reminds us that up North and among league purists, Waring's name was mud because they believed his clowning sold the game short. Colin Welland goes further. He says Waring reduced rugby league to the level of mudwrestling. Would it have been a different story if Waring hadn't played the fool in It's a Knockout, The Morecambe and Wise Show and The Goodies?

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Raddiffe and Boy Lard live from Marchester 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Camp-bel 4.00 Kevin Greating 6.15 Newsbest 6.00 Kevin Greating on the product of the 6.30 Evening Session presented by Steve Lamacq 8.30 Andy Kershaw 10.30 Mary Ann Hobbs 1.00em Caire

6.00mm. Alex Lester 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stew-1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.08 Ed Slew-art 5.05 Chris Serle 7.00 Sleve Wright at the Movies 7.30 Malcolm Laycock with Dence Band Days 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttetion 10.00 Partic Days BBC Big Band recreates American dence band broadcasts (6/6) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve-Medden 3.00 Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

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TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Wan 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonaine Kelly 2.00pm Torrny Boyd 4.00 Peter Dealey 7.00 Moz/Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Today 7.15 Off the Sheft 7.20 The Vintage Chart Show 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 intermetional Recital 9.05 Business 9.15 Anything Goes 9.45 Sports Round-up 10.30 EBC English 10.45 Off the Sheft 11.30 Omnibus 12.05pm Business 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Andy Kershaw 2.05 Outlook 2.30 John Peel 6.50 Chart Person 2.55 Chart 10.50 Chart 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 The Learning World 3.30 Omnibus 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Bittain Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.30 Just a Minuse 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of Feith 7.30 Multitrack 9.05 Business 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Noments That Changed Our World 9.45
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Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) 7 Pobin Benks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. includes Mendessorin (Overture: In: Hebrides, Fingal's Cave); Rosenmuller (In te, Domini, Speravi); Tumla (Tres Danza Andaluzza); Copland (El Salon Mexico); Purcell (Incidental music: The Indian Queen); Poulenc (Flute

Concerto No 1 in F minor)

9.00 Morning Collection, with
Peter Hobolay. Includes
Telemann (Quartet in D
minor); Mozart (Symptomy No
28 in C, K200)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with

Piers Burton-Page. Includes Berliaz (Merche Troyenne); Liszt (Soneta in 8 minor); Sibelius (Song Selection); Mozart (Concertone in C); Mozart (Concertone in C);
Gabrieli (Magnificat a 33);
Liszl (Hungarian Rhapsody
No 6); Arriaga (String Quartet
No 1 in D minor); Liszt, arr
Busoni (Pagenini Study No 2
in E flat)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
Anton Webern
12.45 Strauss. Serenade for Wind
Instruments. Wind Soloists of
the Chamber Orchestra of
Europe
1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime
Concert. Live from St. John's.

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Concert. Live from St John's,
Smith Square, London.
Grigori Sokolov, pieno.
Includes Choplin (Noctumes
in E minor, Op 72 No 1; in C
sharp minor, Op 48 No 2;
Scarch No. 2 in Service. Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op

2.00 From the Proms. Another chance to hear the BBC Singers and Symphony Orchestra under Andrew

present by Vincent Duggleby 12.00 News; You and Yours (FM).

12.25pm Counterpoint. Ned Sherrin hosts the general knowledge music qui: 12.55

1.00 The World at One, with Nick

Clarke
1.40 The Archers (FM) (r)
2.00 News; Sisters, by Tina
Pepler. Maddy prompts
Nathalle to run away to
Belgrade. Starring Haydn
Gwynne and Jonathan Coy
(3/3)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with

4.45 Short Story: Shockproof, written and read by Rod

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

6.00 Six O'Clock News

Lynne Walker sees a new version of the Faust legend on stage and talks to the choreographers of the fourth tour of the Royal Ballet Dance Blues

Consumer news and current

affairs with Charlotte Smith

No 8 in F); Kurtag (Stele); Debussy (Pretude a l'Apré Midt d'un Faune); Ives Symptony No 4) (r) Volces: lain Burnside introduces Janacek (Diary of

One Who Disappeared) (r)
4.30 The Baritone Saxophone (1/5) 5.00 Music Machine, with Torrmy

Pearson
5.15 in Tune, with Andrew Green.
Includes Schubert (Moment
Musical in C sharp minor,
D870 No 4): Schutz (Jauchzet dem Herm, Afte Wett). Beethoven (Variations on See the Conquering Haro, WoO 45); Suppe (Moming, Noon and Night in Vienna); Sibelius

(Mainconia)
7.30 Singing the Century. Live from St John's, Smith Square. Birtwistle (Machaut a ma Maniere); Szymanowski (Songs of the Enamoured Muezzin); Mutdowney (Concerto from Volling)

Muezzin'; Mudowney
(Concerto for Four Violins)
8.15. Turning Point with
Michael Oliver 8.35 Concert,
part 2. Britten (Les
illuminations); Bertok
(Hungarian Pictures)
9.40 Little England, Big World. A
satisical magazine with Alistair
Beeton (1/5)
10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore
Introduces a rectial by Piers
Lane, plano. Including
Schumann (Fantasiestücke,
Op 12); D'Albert (Four Pieces,
Op 5, excerpts)
10.45 Mibring It, with Mark Russell
11.30 Composer of the Weelc
Charles Koechilm (/)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Flichard
Näes

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

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Brown's brainchild would improve the risk premium

posals for a Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee are welcome. This committee would advise the Governor in his discussions with the Chancellor, and represents a logical evolution of the reforms introduced by the present Govern-ment. It should improve the quality of the debate over monetary policy rapidly, while gradually building the reputation of the Bank.

If the Bank is ever to become independent it must become credible. Credibility is a strange beast, requiring both clear technical competence in maintaining price stability, and a sense that the central bank takes decisions, even the tough ones, in full understanding of the views of different political constituencies in the country. This combination of technical ability and political nous has made the Bundesbank successful. Labour's plan offers a good chance of emulating that auccess, although it will take time and is not guaranteed to

a Monetary Policy Committee have affected policy-making in recent months? One crucial area of debate has been the impact of the rise in sterling. The Bank had been arguing

that it should be neglected. Either it was a result of anticipated rises in ÜK interest rates, in which case it would fall back unless those exwere validat-

pectations ed. Or it refrected expectations of easier policy abroad, in which case the UK needed both a stron-

Brown: welcome ideas ger pound (to nter lax policy elsewhere) and higher interest rates (to domestic inflation However, there is a strong

counterargument. Much of

the rise in sterling over the

tary policy in Europe, not because the Bundesbank has embarked on an unjustified expansion, but because fiscal policy is being tightened far more there than here. On

top of this, corporate restructuring, and fears of future retrenchment in the welfare state, are adding to a very subdued outlook for private spending in Europe. To the extent that sterling's flects these forces. it amounts to a

genuine tightening of UK monetary conditions, which requires little or even no validation through

higher rates here. Arguably, the strong cur-rency is a far from ideal way to tighten policy because it

the traded sector. We would probably be better off with a somewhat more deflationary fiscal policy, which would bring expected UK interest rates closer to those in Europe and so probably depress the exchange rate. That may or may not be delivered by whichever government is in power after the election.

Would a Monetary Policy Committee have altered Bank views to reflect the ideas described above? There is no way to be sure. But what is likely is that such a committee should have at least aired some of these alternative ideas, and presumably this discussion would have, eventually, appeared in public minutes. Any move towards greater openness, and a sense that all angles are being considered, would surely improve credibility, and thus, in the longer term, help to bring down the risk premium that still persists in gilt yields.

GILES KEATING Credit Suisse First Boston

RADIO 4 5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW)
6.00 News Briefing 6.10
Farming Today 6.25 Prayer
for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45
Letters from Here and There
8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week,
with Times columnist Melvyn
Brann and cuerbn 6.30 Just a Minute. Nicholas Parsons is joined by Tony
Hawks, Peter Jones, Clement
Freud and Fred MacAutay (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with
Derek Cooper, Julie Eisner
investigates the recent with Times columnist Melvyn
Bragg and guests
10.00 News; The Lipman Test
(FM). See Choice (2/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with
Shahnaz Pakravan
11.30 Money Box Live; 0171-580
4444 Personal finance news
present by Vincent Dudgleby

supermarkets in home shopping (f)
7.45 The Monday Play: Harry's Bag, A thriller set in present-day Liverpool. Written by Stephen Butchard. With John McArdle, Finetime Fontayne and David Fleeshman
9.00 On the Hoof. Parn Cockeral meets a vet who specialises in the treatment of horses (3/3) (f)

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Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Great Railway Bazzar, by Paul Theroux (6/10) (r)

11.00 The Trade Rag (FM). Nick Baker takes a look behind the

Baker takes a look behind the scenes of The Fight Director, the magazine for organisers of stage and screen violence (e.c., 7.)

of stage and screen violence (6/5) (r)

11.00 Education Matters (LW)

11.30 Panichiraj (FM). A comedy by Tanika Guota. With Charubala Chokshi and Meera Syal (1/4) (r)

11.30 Today in Panilament (LW)

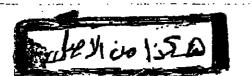
12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather

12.30am Late Boolc The Hobbit. Another chance to hear the epic lantasy adventure written by J.R.R. Tolkien. Abridged by Snan Sibley and read by Michael Hordem (1/15) (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast

1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-6.55sm). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102, VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio fistings complied by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Sussin Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.



Nice Tardis, shame about the charm factor Now I think about it, Mich large as life and Indigrouph occup, time because the future hasn't that reveals the high-pitched point t

T ow I think about it, Michael French might have made a good Dr Who. A bit of menace, a bit of roguish appeal and as for romantic potential ... give him a Tardis and he could have flitted backwards and forwards in time forever, happily going out with the same collection of women over and over again. Just like Albert Square really.

But French, the artist formerly known as David Wicks, never got to be Dr Who. Instead he got to be Jeff Slade in Crime Traveller (BBCl, Saturday), a series so similar that you wonder how its creator, Anthony Horowitz, first broached the subject at the BBC. Did he say "hey chaps, I've got this great idea for a Saturday night series, about a man who can travel through time"? And did the BBC say "Ooh, that sounds original, we'll put it in the Casualty slot"? We can only presume they did, because there Crime Traveller is.

large as life and ludicrously occupying a spot traditionally reserved for grown-up television.

Had the detective series materialised in the slot currently occupied by The New Adventures of Superman (which by one of those strange twists of television fate also had a time-travelling episode on Saturday), they might have got away with it. French (who by one of those strange twists of television fate has been given the same post-EastEnders haircut they gave Nick Berry) is fine as Slade and is well supported by Chloe Annett, who plays Holly Turner, a woman who just happens to have her dad's old time machine in her front room. Whoosh, whoosh, it goes, just like the Tardis. Must be a time machine.

Horowitz has clearly laboured long and hard on what is and is not possible under the laws of time. You cannot go forward in

time because the future hasn't happened yet, you cannot meet yourself because that would produce a "temporal schism" and you must get back to the time machine before it goes "whoosh, whoosh" again. Miss it and you're stuck in a "loop of infinite" like Holly's uniortunate father.

that is the good news. The had news is the cardboard plot, the lumbering and predictable dialogue ("With you all the way, chief"; That'll be a first. Slade") and Sue Johnston, a perfectly good actress having a perfectly awful time playing Slade's boss. Worst of all, however, is the criminally ill-judged lack of charm. When Slade needs transport, he steals a catering van from an innocent middle-aged couple at gunpoint. And when cornered by a fat, friendly policeman, he punches him in the stomach. Truly a hero for our times.



Matthew Bond

As someone who ranks the early years of the Bee Gees near the top of his Absolutely Least Favourite Music list, I was not much looking forward to The South Bank Show (ITV) last night. But fair dos — the brothers Gibb provided reasonable company and Tony Cash, the director, produced an enjoyable profile of a 30-year career that at some high-pitched point has touched the lives of most of us.

that reveals the high-pitched point at which they touched my life, but as someone who has never been able to decipher a single word of a Bee Gees song, I find that difficult. I think, however, it went "Hah, hah, hah . . . and involved a white suit. The rest of that recollection, however, is a little hazy. First off, however, was the

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discovery, at last, of which Bee Gee was which. There was Barry, or Bearded Gibb, whose days of doing big hair are fast catching up with him. Then there's Robin, or Thin Gibb, who spent most of last night hiding behind blue-tinted spectacles. And finally there's Maurice, or Titlered Gibb, whose hat hides ... well, who knows what?

As is traditional for South Bank, Cash gave the brothers the very gentlest of goings over, teasing them with Kenny Everett but never hitting them with the much

crueller "Meaningless Songs in Very High Voices" performed, as I Cookson's The Moth (TTV) showed recall, by the cast of Not the Nine O'Clock News.

In similar style, we learnt the origins of Barry's extraordinary falsetto (producer Arif Mardin wanted one of them to scream in tune and Barry was the unlucky one) but not whether he had ever expected still to be doing it 20 years later, or whether that was the reason why so many Bee Gees songs sound better when performed by other artists.

ware perhaps of the pulled punches, Cash signed off with one well-aimed gibe. As the younger generation of Gibbs roared around the leafy family estate on quad motorbikes, the soundtrack broke into a chorus even I could make out: "Ordinary people living ordinary lives."

But there's so much more to get

for the second time this year just what good television Cookson's familiar themes of duty, the fragile dignity of working men and women and the class divide, make. The accents and the over-meticulous recreation of the North East of England before the First World War (all ships, sheep and steamdriven sawmills) are easy to mock, but with a fine cast headed by Jack Davenport and Juliet Aubrey, it's really not worth the effort. My one concern is that it might be wasted

on Friday night All of which means I have run out of room to write about Performance (BBC2, Saturday), which kicked off a new season of bringing theatrical productions to television with the Donmar Warehouse production of Company. But seeing as I also ran out of time to watch all two hours and 20 minutes of it, that's probably just as well.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (85932) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (80390) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5543222)

9.20 Style Challenge (4807999) 9.45 Kilroy (4570864) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (32660) 11.00 News (T), regional news and weather

11.05 The Really Useful Show (7108390) 11.35 Change That (8783222)

12.00 News (T), regional news and weather (7640390) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5681593) 12.30 Golng for a Song (6951661)

12.55 The Weather Show (79022425) 1.00 News (1) and weather (90777) 1.30 Regional News and weather (83792970)

1,40 Neighbours (T) (11096777) A comedy about an overprotective 2.05 Mom's Army (1991) with Barbara Eden. to be with her beloved teenage son. Directed by Anson Williams (T) (7377135) 3.30 Playdays (r) (5558406) 3.50 Pingu (6913135) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (16654) 4.10 Gadget Boy (1557796) 4.35 Record Breakers Gold (5595883) 5:00 Newsround (3862086) 5:10 Blue Peter (T) (1051837)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (807116) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (83) 6.30 Newsroom South East (35)

7.00 This is Your Life (T) (5241) 7.30 Here and Now As the Government continues its crackdown on benefit fraud, Steve Annett reports on a controversial test aiming to differentiate between the long-term sick and those who are

cheating the system (T) (19) 8.00 EastEnders Tiffany realises it might be a good idea to keep a low profile on her return to Walford (T) (1661)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart The first in a new series of the timecornedy with Nicholas Lyndhurst (T) (3336)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (1), regional news and weather (9048) 9.30 Panorama: Pre

reports on an experiment involving some of the most dangerous psychopaths in British prisons today (1) (220338)

British prisons today (1) (220338)

10.10 Complex of Fear (1993) with Chelsea

10.10 Field and Joe Don Baker. A tense thriller
about the residents of an apartment
building who are being terrorised by a
serial rapist. Directed by Brian Grant (1)
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11.40 Film 97 with Barry Norman Barry talks to Pierce Brosnan about his career (979777) 12.10am Sweet Bird of Youth (1989) A made

tor-television adaptation of Tennessee Williams's play about a ruthless gigolo whose life takes a disastrous turn when he returns to his home town with his tading movie queen lover. With Mark Harmon and Elizabeth Taylor. Directed by Nicolas Roeg (426549)

1.45 Weather (3998471)

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6.00am Open University: Women in Science

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two British aristocrats. Directed by Richard Boleslawski (931226) 3.55 News (T) 4.00 Today's the Day (48) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (32) 5.00 Esther (5749) 5.30 Seniors Pot Black, John

Spencer v Dennis Taylor (12) 6.00 Space Precinct (r) (T) (675241) 6.45 Quantum Lesp (r) (T) (890883) 7.30 The Sci Files New series of investigative

scientific reports, beginning with a look at how basic rights of privacy are being threatened by the State's increased use of technology (61) 8.00 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld Report on transport in Vietnam (r) (1) (9203)

8.30 Ray Mears' World of Survival The survival expert travels to Armhemiand in the Northern Australia outback to learn how local Aborigines cope with the scorching heat (T) (8338) 9.00 incident in a Small Town (1993) with

Walter Matthau Harry Morgan and Stephanie Zimbalist A judge is accused of killing his daughter's lover, promoung a family friend to somehow unexity truth - but his investigations prote the case to be far more complicated Directed by Delbert Mann (T) (\$319) 10.30 Newsnight (1) (178796)



Brian Walden (11.15pm)

11.15 Walden on Galtskell First of three lectures in which Brian Walden profiles former Lebour Party leaders, beginning with Hugh Gaitstell (T) (576203)

11.45 Toro De Nuit (942883) 11.50 Weather (934864) 11.55 The Midnight Hour (548951)

12.30am The Learning Zone: OU: The Authentick and Ironicall Histone of Henry Recreating the past 1.30 Paris. Spectacle of Modernity 2.00 Nightschool TV. Job Bank 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 4.30 Royal Institution Discourse. Science and Fine Art 5.30 RCN Nursing Update

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Goodnight Sweetheart

Regular viewers of the time-travel comedy may be disconcerted to discover that for this fourth series both the female leads have been recast. As they look nothing like the actresses they have replaced, Emma Amos and Elizabeth Carling are going to take some time to bed down. Whoops, unfortunate phrase. On second thoughts perhaps not, since much of tonight's dialogue is about having, or not having, sex. Feather-brained Gary, who is still played by Nicholas Lyndhurst, has managed to get both his wife Yvonne (Amos) and Second World War girlfriend Phoebe (Carling) pregnant. The joke is that while Yvonne wants to get Gary recast. As they look nothing like the actresses joke is that while Yvonne wants to get Gary into bed and Phoebe does not, with him it is the other way round.

Kavanagh QC: Mute of Malice ITV, 8_30pm

Back in wig and gown for a third series, John Thaw's gruff Manchester barrister defends an army chaplain (Andrew Woodall) charged with murdering his brother. Look out for some formidable behind-the-camera and its last Cold is disputer and also more credits. Jack Gold is director and, even more important for this episode. Charles Wood is the writer. A distinguished name in television and the theatre for three decades, Wood is a former soldier whose love-hate relationship with the military was most forcibly expressed in the Falklands war drama. Tumbledown. His Kavanagh script draws on a more recent conflict, Bosnia, in which both the padre and his dead brother served. The horror of that experience is the background to the trial and the key to the accused man's inability, or unwillingness, to speak from the moment he is arrested.

Cutting Edge: Parental Choice Channel 4. 9.00pm

The subtitle is presumably meant to be ironic for the central argument of this documentary is that many parents feel they have no choice. unless their children are exceptionally bright. The film follows half a dozen families north London during the anxious transition from primary to secondary school. They have to contend with a state system where the grant-maintained schools cream off the cleverest children, leaving the local comprehensive to do what it can with the leftovers. Competition is intense. Latymer, the top mixed-sex selective school in the country, has 1,800 applicants for 180 places. The private option, assuming parents can afford the fees, is little easier. The City of London School has 400 boys chasing 80 places. There are several tense households as parents and youngsters wait to hear what the entrance exams have decided.

Walden on Gaitskell BBC2, 11.15pm

A little while ago Brian Walden did what nobody on television since A.J.P. Taylor has anempted and delivered a half-hour lecture without notes or teleprompter. His subject was Clement Attlee. He now tackles three was Ciement Afflee. He now tackles three more Labour Party leaders, starting with Hugh Gaitskell. It is an impressive performance, fluent and prohing. Walden eschews the easy option of straight chronology for the more challenging task of exploring Gaitskell's character and ideas. The analysis is of a high order, which does not mean you have to agree with its conclusions. Clearly a fan, but not blind to Gaitskell's faults. Walden presents him as a politician of courage and principle and more politician of courage and principle and more of a socialist than his left-wing critics allowed. On one thing Walden is prepared to be dogmatic. Gaitskell, he says, would have had little sympathy for Tony Blair's new Labour.

6.00am GMTV (6954338) 9.25 Chain Letters (4875390) 9.55 Regional News (T) (5674777)

10.00 The Time, the Place (79796) 10.30 This Morning (T) (96347406) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (7646574) 12.30 News (T) and weather (6986357) 12.55 High Road (T) (6961048)

1.25 Home and Away (T) (47896864) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (r) (7360970) 2.40 Savannah (r) (1502048) 3,20 News (T) (3606703)

3.25 Regional News (T) (4056244) 3.30 Tots TV (2866393) 3.40 Rainbow Days (9010406) 3.50 Goofy (4761929) 4.05 Sooty's Amazing Adventures (2821406) 4.20 Snap (T) (1548048) 4.45 Art Attack (T) (5586135)

5.10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (5724951) 5.40 News (T) and weather (621262) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (571715) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (824319)

6.25 HTV Weather (733628) 6.30 HTV News (T) (13) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? Martin Roberts goes to Amsterdam by coachout how much you can do on a tight budget, Judith Chaimers and her husband Neil explore golf courses in Perthshire and

Julian Baltantyne goes on safari in Zimbabwe and Botswana (1) (7609) 7.30 Coronation Street A scruffy stranger turns up at the garage in search of a job

8.00 World in Action: Men Behaving Badly How many people would inform the bank if a cash machine gave them too much money? That is one of the tests set by morality of the general public (1) (6357)



John Thaw, Andrew Woodall (8.30pm)

8.30 CHARLE Kavanagh QC: Mute of Malice First of a new six-part series with John Thaw as the liberal barrister (T) (19116) 10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (59357)

10.30 Regional Tonight (I) (543116) 10.40 Nash Bridges Lisa witnesses the murder of a Scandinavian woman at a fundraising event, but when Nash turns up to investigate, there is no evidence of a

nvestigate, there is no evidence of a crime (T) (620574)

11.35 Mainly Men Lively discussion hosted by John Lestie (965574)

12.05am Box Office America Reviews of the America's top ten films at the box office

(6375549)
12.35 Football Extra (1601902)
1.20 War of the Worlds (5613568)
2.15 Club Nation (r) (152365) 3.15 God's Gift (r) (158549) 4.15 Sound Bites (19690926) 4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (36564758) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (95704)

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2.50-3.20 High Road (5317796) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5724951) 6.25-7.00 Central News (182116) 11.35 New York News (863512) 12.30am Football Extra (8686931)

1.15 Stand and Deliver (161013) 2.15 Real Stories of the Highway Patro (8311920) 2.40 Film: Shanghai Joe (703742) 4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (4686094)

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5,20 Asian Eye (8483723)

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1.35 The Man from Colorado (1948) with William Holden and Glenn Ford. A western drama about a former

Confederate soldier who becomes a lawman in order to control a sadistic sewman in order to control a sacistic Southern cavalry officer who is appointed a Federal judge after the Civil War. Directed by Henry Levin and King Vidor (1) (19699135)

3.30 Collectors' Lot from The Boat House in Dorset (T) (39)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (16) 4,30 Countdown (1) (28)

5.00 The Montel Williams Show (T) (8715) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (80) 6.00 Moviewatch Includes young critics from

Londonderry reviewing three recent 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (1) (45)

Wonders of the East The Hanging Gardens of Babylon and the Temple of

7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (301574) 7.55 The Slot (612116) 8.00 The Seven Wonders of the World:

Artemis (3/4) (r) (T) (2864)



Choosing schools (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Parental Choice Parents' involvement in educational choices for children moving into secondary education (T)

10.00 Dark Skies Science fiction drama serial. John and Jesse investigate a UFO sighting in New Mexico and Kim discovers evidence that her sister's fiance is a Majestic agent (1) (5715)

11.00 NBA Raw Orlando Magic v Seattle Supersonics (93864)

12.00 For the Love Of . . . Jon Ronson talks to six people who are competition addicts (1) (8796013)

12.55em The Great Ape Trial Should we extend to gorillas, orang-utans and chimpanzees some of the same basic rights we accord to our fellow humans? (r)

2.20 Animal Rites The largest pet crema-torium in Europe (r) (4968075)

2.55 Sexual Imperative: From Conception to Birth (4/6) (r) (T) (4970810) 3.55 Animal Traffic The international trade in

wild animals (4/4) (r) (8005636) 4.50 The Grampian Sheepdog Trials (r)

5.35 Backdate Time quiz presented by Valerie Singleton (t) (T) (8046891)

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Seconds (7960999) From 11.00pm-2.00em Men and Motors

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4.00pm Biography Captain Biigh — Muliny on the Bounty (8566066) 5.00 History Alive on the Bounty (8566066) 5.00 History Afric (3212609) 6.00 Our Century (8744154) 7.00-8.00 Bography Alexander Graham Bell — Voice of Invention (4937845) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Amazing Stories (322/066) 8.30 The Twisiph Zone (3201593) 8.00 Sightings (4966257) 18.00 Starman (4936116) 11.00 The Invaders (682/863) 12.00 The Investi-ble Hulf (9806297) 1.00am The Twilight Zone (1300013) 1.30 Tales of the University (613637) 2.30 Rod Setting's Night Gallery (1663/864) 3.00-4.00 Friday the 13th (7896984)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00em The Joy of Painting (2415066) 9.30 Gerdeners' Diany (2228583) 10.00 Two's Country Cooling (4885154) 10.30 Our House (2404970) 11.00 Fix # (594483) 11.30 This Old House (5945512) 12.00 Versatile Vegetables (2495222) 12.30pm Graham Kerr (2239609) 1.00 Today's Gourmet (8741628) 1.30 Home Agan (221680) 2.00 Hometime (4771661) 2.30 Furniture to Go (8810828) 3.00 Two's Country (4790796) 3.30-4.00 The Old House (8882845) DISCOVERY tables over at 4.00pm, 4.00pm Fishing Adventures II (8894680) 4.30 Bush Tucker Man (8890864) 5.00 Treasure Hunters (478241) 5.30 Bayond 2000 (888118) 6.00 Wiki Things (2247628) 7.00 Beyond 2000 (4782777) 7.30 Wonders of Weather (8891595) 8.00 Hotory's Turning Points (4791425) 8.30 Bush Tucker Man (4770332) 9.00 Lonely Planet (3083154) 4.00 Planet (3083154) ing Points (4781425) 8.30 Bush Lucker Math (4770832) 9.00 Lonely Planet (3083154) 10.00 21st - Century Aurort (3088241) 11.00 Wings (8728777) 12.00 Classic Wheels (2067636) 1.00ers Roadshow (4737384) 1.30-2.00 The Ediremath (6375094)

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Absent workers 'costing £13bn'

By PHILIP BASSEIT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN is losing at least £13 billion a year because new survey evidence suggests today.

Absenteeism. growing sharply in some parts of the economy. It is up by a quarter in the past three years in the public sector. Stress and low morale are seen as two of the key likely causes.

In its latest study of absenteeism at work, the Industrial Society says that the overall absence rate in Britain - the proportion of the workforce absent — is now 3.59 per cent, or 8.26 days per employee each year.

In the report Tony Morgan, the society's director. says: "The hidden costs of absenteeism, in addition to the headline figure, con-firm the scale of the problem. Organisations should be monitoring absence rates carefully, identifying the true causes and costs. and looking for solutions." The society says that

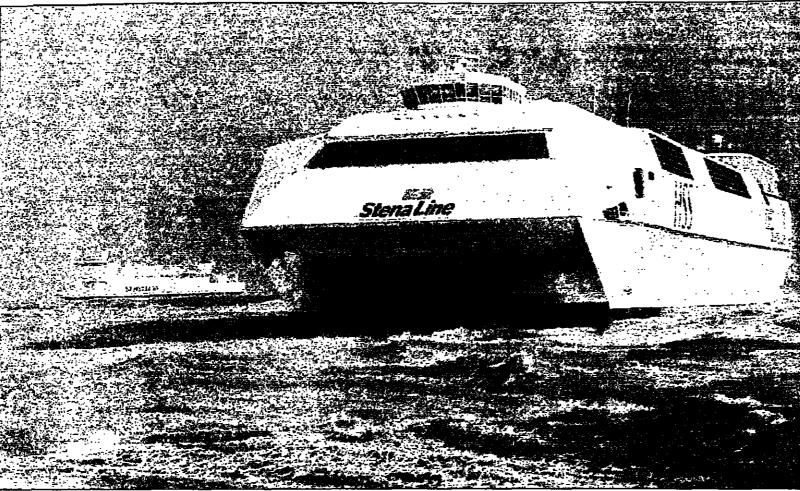
employers that accommo-date working from home. flexible hours and flexible annual leave all enjoy lower than average absence rates.

Employees record colds & flu. stomach upsets and headaches as the three most common causes, while employers - after allowing for colds & flu cite stress, personal probiems, sickness, low morale and job boredom.

☐ Pay increases for clerical and secretarial support staff are now running at 3 per cent, according to a new Gordon Yates-Times survey of staff in more than 500 companies.

☐ Male and female managers are fast achieving equality at work, the Institoday, with 80 per cent of them now believing that either sex should receive equal treatment.

TIMES



All at sea: Stena has told its crews that it would shed about 320 jobs -- a third of its total seafaring complement -- if the merger with P&O is approved

City censured by Bank over 'bonus culture'

By Martin Waller, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE high-risk, high-reward "bonus culture", rewarding dealers for taking chances, will today come under twopronged attack with the first market reaction to the Nat-West derivatives scandal and an official warning from the Bank of England.

Shares in NatWest are expected to tumble as dealers react to the £50 million "black hole" identified in the highly volatile derivatives market, announced on Friday evening. A team was at the headquarters of NatWest Markets, the investment banking business where the suspect derivatives trading took place, over the

Although more information will be available today, four

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conclusions have already emerged. The bank does not think anyone else was involved other than Kyriacous Papious - who carried out the trades and then left to join Bear, Sterns before Christmas - and his supervisor, Neil Dodgeson Mr Dodgeson has been suspended.

There is no question of the Serious Fraud Office being called in unless the bank's own inquiry and those of the Bank of England and the Securities and Futures Authority, the City regulator, place. "It's a trading problem at the moment - not necessarily criminal," a NatWest spokeswoman said last night.

The losses have been covered or hedged against and will not exceed the £50 million that the bank has estimated.

Finally, NatWest insists the

true scale of this problem was not uncovered until Wednesday, the day after NatWest presented 1996 figures to the market that showed an unexpectedly strong performance from investment banking.

There's no case to make that we knew about this problem before the results," the spokeswoman said. The Bank of England today,

with conspicuously good timing, publishes a report from one of its economists about the dangers of paying traders large bonuses dependent on they generate and then giving them wide discretion over the risks they take with their employer's capital. High performance bonuses

have been worrying the Bank since as far back as the summer of 1995, and Eddie George, the Governor, is known to be taking a personal

interest in the NatWest case. The latest warning, relying on analysis commissioned from Margaret Bray, an economist at the London School of Economics, is published in the second issue of Financial Stability Review, a magazine used to disseminate the Bank's views to the outside world.

Daniel Davies, a Bank economist, says no matter how a bonus scheme is designed, "effective controls on risk taking and measures to ensure the honesty of employees are essential". He points out that psychological factors, as well as the desire for a hefty yearend reward, may tempt rogue traders to take excessive risks: "the desire to be a 'star' or to conceal a poor judgement", for example, or a reluctance to

accept failure. When the losses come to light, the employer has little

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Some of these channels will

be shown by British Digital

Broadcasting, the Carlton-led

consortium planning digital

BBC and Discovery Commun-

ications, a Telecommunica-

tions Inc programming

affiliate in the US, is also

being developed. Bob Phillis,

the BBC's Deputy Director-

General, has said that the

BBC's goal is to generate more

than £200 million a year in

commercial revenues.

A parallel deal between the

terrestrial channels in 1998.

part of the joint venture.

comeback on the employee, other than the sack. Even worse, if a trader knows his skills are in short supply, this may be little threat: "An employee may be tempted to gamble on the prospect of a big bonus at one firm, with the prospect of employment at another if things go wrong."

The Bank is not the only regulator to worry about the effect of the bonus culture. The SFA's board will next week meet to consider how high up the employer's chain of command responsibility should go, in the wake of the Barings collapse and the Peter Young affair at Morgan Grenfell.

Mr Papious was a relatively low-paid trader at NatWest, on a salary of about £80,000. By leaving before the year end, he gave up his bonus for 1996, which is likely to have been about £100,000.

Merger will bring 600 job losses at P&O * and Stena

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

MORE than 600 seafarers are to lose their jobs if the planned merger of the P&O and Stena ferry fleets goes ahead, raising fears that the final tally of redundancies will far exceed the 1,000 forecast by Lord Sterling when the deal was announced last year.

Maritime unions said they

were deeply concerned by the redundancy plans, which will cut the workforce of the combined cross-channel fleet by about 22 per cent, because the competition authorities have not yet ruled on whether or not

the merger can proceed.

Stena told its crews in
January that about 320 jobs
would go — a third of its total
seafaring complement. P&O
announced to its employees
last week that 240 of its 1,859 last week that 240 of its 1,859 ratings and 45 of its 80 officers would be made redundant. There will also be further cuts in the number of managerial and shoreside employees.

Both companies said the redundancies will be voluntary and they were announcing them now only to comply with employment rules.

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However, Andrew Liningspokesman for NUMAST, the union of ships' officers, said that seafarers in Dover were increasingly fearful for their futures. We are very concerned by

what has taken place," he said

We believe it is a breach of

undertakings given to us by the companies, and a breach of the spirit of the reference to the MMC. It is out of order that these fairly radical job losses are being activated be-fore the MMC has ruled." The Monopolies and Mergers Commission announced last week that its report would

not be completed until April 4 instead of March 6 as originally planned. The new date virtually guarantees that Ian Board of Trade, will not rule before the election. The delay will make it

almost impossible for the merger to be completed and the new joint venture launched in time for the start of the summer season, deepening the financial crisis facing

Britain's biggest ferry operators.

The merger, which will see two passenger ships taken off the Dover-Calais route, was triggered by the new competition from the Channel Tunnel -- which doubled capacity on the crossing - and by a savage price war last summer Stena's shares slumped 5 per cent last week, when it revealed that the company fell £37 million into the red last year, partly as a result of the increasing competition. P&O's ferry profits, which reached £120 million before

the opening of the tunnel, have also been all but wiped out. The two companies hope the reduction in capacity following the merger will allow fares to stabilise this summer. Ironically, the ferry operators have enjoyed one of their busiest winters this year after the disruption caused to Channel Tunnel services by last No-

vember's fire. Mr Linington said that the merger should be delayed while the ferry companies were profiting from the problems in the Channel Tunnel.

He said: "The concern we've got is that once again employees seem to be paying the price of wider problems that we dispute the scale of in the first place."



gives his analysis of the latest economic trends

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Northern **Rock issues** float details

By CAROLINE MERRELL

NORTHERN ROCK Building Society will today unveil full details of its plans to float on the stock market.

Under the terms of the plan, the one million members of the society will each get a package of shares worth more than El,000. Some analysts believe that the society is also planning to offer institutions the opportunity of buying

The £I billion society is the smallest of the four building societies going through the conversion process. It will follow the Alliance & Leicester. Woolwich and Halifax to the stock market in the Autumn. It currently accounts for 8 per cent of all mortgage lending in

This UK's biggest mortgage lender is the Halifax, which accounts for 19 per cent of the

mortgage market. Unlike the Halifax, Northern Rock is not planning to waive its five-year protection from takeover. Its size would make it a takeover target, even though 5 per cent of its profits will go towards the establishment of a charitable foundation to support causes in the North East.

BBC poised for commercial launch

By Eric Reguly

THE BBC is expected to enter the commercial arena in earnest this week with an official agreement to launch a family subscription television channels with an American

TV company.
The channels will be owned by a 50-50 joint venture created by BBC Worldwide, the corporation's commercial arm, and Flextech, the cable and satellite programmer controlled ultimately by Telecommunications Inc. America's largest cable company and one of the largest programme suppliers. Flextech will pro-vide all of the funding, estimated to be more than £100 million, to develop, launch and promote the channels.

The BBC will sell programming to the joint venture and will share in the income, most of which will be used initially to pay off the joint debt. The venture's programming portolio will consist of about eight channels, including BBC One, described as a "visual Radio One for pop music fans"; BBC Horizons, to be based on the BBC's nature. science, history and technology library; and BBC Style, a food and fashion channel. UK

Fears grow over single currency

British entrepreneurs are more worried about the implications of a European single Gold, the most successful currency than they were a year ago, according to a survey of more than 1.000 ownermanagers by 3i and MORI. Opinion has shifted sharply against the single currency. Whereas last year's survey showed an even split on the issue, this year shows 10 per cent more respondents were against the single currency

Ladbroke plans

Ladbroke Group, the hotels and leisure combine, will this week be pressed by analysts to reveal its intentions towards the £180 million bid battle between two of Britain's biggest casino operators. Ladbroke, which reports on Thursday, is tipped as counter-bidder for Capital Corporation, which is under hostile offer from London Clubs International. Companies, page 41.

Granada sale

Granada Group is negotiating

to sell the Plaza Athenee hotel in Paris to the younger brother of the Sultan of Brunei. Prince Jefri Bolkiah is expected to pay more than £40 million.

Vox pop visions of an ideal world

By JANET BUSH ECONOMICS EDITOR

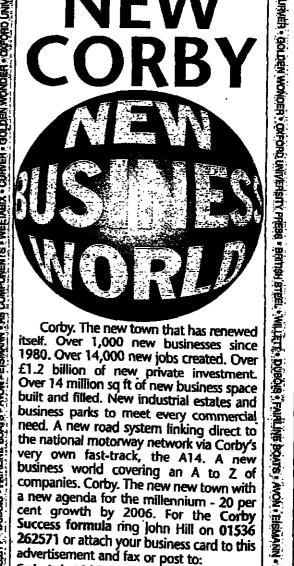
MEMBERS of Parliament should be breathalysed before they vote in the Commons, more trees should be planted near motorways, unhealthy foods should he taxed like cigarettes and alcohol and the national curriculum should include new subjects such as martial arts, taxation, life skills and innovation. These are some of the findings of a

survey by Reed Personnel Services, the

recruitment specialist. Reed requested 1.000 ideas for the next government through its internet site and through mailings to 38,000 individuals. Roads and transport and the behaviour of MPs and Parliament were among the major preoccupations in almost 500 ideas so far. Taxation came third, followed by the environment and education.

The most popular idea of all was to abolish road tax and replace it with an increased levy on fuel while the most startling idea identified by Reed was to fit a sharp metal spike on each car's steering wheel, aimed at the driver's heart. This, the argument went, would force people to drive more carefully.

Alec Reed, chairman of Reed, said: The ideas we have received show that people want trouble-free travel, honest MPs. taxation which benefits people, and an education which gives individuals real life skills, all in an environmentally friendly world." The ideas will be presented to the three main political parties nearer to the election.



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Berisha declares emergency to quell Albania revolt

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Armouries were looted and a police station torched as Albania sank deeper into chaos, writes Richard Owen in Tirana

ALBANIA was close to collapse yesterday as protesters from Vlore and other southern towns looted weapons from police and army barracks. burned down one of the presidential palaces and threatened to march on Tirana, the capital, "in an armed force" to

bring down President Berisha. MPs last night voted to declare a state of emergency, and Albanian officials said the secret police could be merged with Interior Ministry troops to form a united force to restore order.

The terms of the state of emergency were not made clear, but President Berisha said the State would use "necessary force" to quell the rebellion, and he appealed to opposition leaders to appear on television and urge calm. There were reports that army columns were heading for Vlore, and that some of the arsenal of weapons looted by protesters had fallen into the

hands of children and teenagers in southern towns.

In Vlore last night, hospital sources said that two people, including an eight-year-old girl, had been shot dead. In a televised address, Mr

Berisha called the unrest "a communist rebellion backed by foreign intelligence agen-cies". He added: "We promise you we will employ all measures under the law, even the most difficult ones, against this rebellion." Soon afterwards, rioters

stormed a police station and set it on fire in the southern town of Gjirokaster.

Earlier Mr Berisha, who is due to appear before parliament today to be re-elected, gave in to long-standing oppo-sition demands and sacked Aleksander Meksi, the Prime Minister, and his right-wing Government. But leaders of the demonstrators who have turned a protest over lost savings into an uprising said



Albanian riot police on a street corner in Tirana await orders during a lull in clashes with anti-government demonstrators yesterday

the dismissal was too little too late, and demanded an interim administration to prepare early, free and honest elections". Mr Meksi said he had been "sacrificed like a sheep", and no new govern-

ment could stop the slide into chaos. He said it would take at least a year to regain control over "the tens of thousands of guns now in the hands of are people". He blamed leftwing militants and said the "nation and life of Albania is in danger"

issued an ultimatum calling "for Sali Berisha not to be re-

ment to be dissolved". Mr Berisha said he would present parliament with a new government that would be again dominated by the ruling Democratic Party, which holds 122 of the 140 seats. But he offered

to hold talks with the main opposition grouping, the seven-party Democratic Forum, which is dominated by the Socialists, the former Communists. The Forum rejected this as "another attempt to deceive

the people". The Socialists hold only ten seats, but say they were the victims of electoral fraud in last May's poll. Neritan Ceke, an opposition leader, said Albania faced civil war unless Mr Berisha quit.

Nine people — six police and three civilians — died on Friday evening when a regular mass protest in the port of Vlore over savings lost in "pyramid funds" turned into a gun battle between demonstrators who had looted weapons from an army barracks, and members of Shik, the feared secret police still in place from the communist era.

Yesterday Vlore was in the hands of men who drove through the town waving Kalashnikovs and pistols and firing into the air. Some claimed they were holding Shik agents as hostages.

Shots were fired in other

towns, including Sarande, also on the Adriatic coast, where police stations and court buildings were looted and set on fire. The looters took police weapons, burned down the Italian colonial-era library and buildings in the port area, and freed about a hundred prisoners from jail.

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Scapegoat sacrificed to rising militancy

By James Pettifer

THE exit of Aleksander Meksi's Government had been expected for some time, as a scapegoat for the chaos caused by the collapse of pyramid investment schemes.

Mr Meksi, the Prime Minister, was an able figure, Orthodox and an expert on Byzantine buildings. But he and his family are widely believed to be implicated in smuggling diesel to Montenegro during the Bosnian war. The profits financed the failed investment schemes that brought financial ruin to

The widening political crisis has reached the stage where it will have important regional effects. Relations with Greece, which had been better over the last year, are pect of mass illegal immigra-

tion this spring. In the south, members of Albania's Greek minority, which is significant in Vlore, are in the forefront of opposition militancy, and some gov-ernment officials believe ethnic Greeks are involved in a political underground that has supplied stolen weapons

In northern Albania the extreme-right Shkoder United League that stands for a Greater Albania now dominates the region. This has destroyed a key Berisha pow-

THE worst nightmare of Pres-

ident Berisha came true at the

weekend: the impoverished

and backward people who

once applauded him as the

slayer of communist despo-

tism and builder of a better

future took up arms and turned on him, setting one of

his summer palaces on fire

What began two months ago as a protest over savings

lost in fraudulent pyramid

schemes became an armed

revolt to topple him from

power, five years after he

ousted the detested and dis-

sha's seaside palace, overlook-

ing the Adriatic in the hills

high above the port of Vlore.

was a burnt-out ruin, looted

and ransacked by furious mobs with nothing left to lose.

The villa, inherited from Enver Hoxha, the paranoid Sta-

linist who ruled for decades,

had become a local symbol of

everything that had gone

wrong in Albania as its strug-

gled to transform itself from

Europe's poorest state into a

Demonstrators carried off furniture, paintings and doors

and uprooted flowers in the

villa garden, waving them

triumphantly as trophies of revolt. The guard was redou-

modern nation.

Yesterday President Beri-

credited communists.

and calling for his blood.



Meksi: linked to

er base. Neighbouring Kosovo, legally part of Serbia, has a 90 per cent Albanian population and is regarded as a tinder box. There has been increasing Albanian militan-

cy in the past year.
It is widely believed in Tirana and by some Western analysts that armed militants of the Kosovo Liberation Army are based in Albania. They have been responsible for a string of violent attacks on Albanian collaborators, and Serbian officials this

With the growing anarchy, any prospect of a central government crackdown on the demonstrators seems remote. Government has lost the capacity to deploy state power through the police apparatus in most of the country, and armed men can now operate easily in many

International support for Mr Berisha over the past five years has been based on the assumption that he can control nationalist militancy over Kosovo. That may be the most serious casualty of the crisis.

ons from ransacked buildings

and drove through the streets

firing exultantly through car

windows. There were no pol-

ice to be seen. Shops were

looted in Vlore and Sarande as

Mr Berisha's reluctant and

order broke down altogether.

belated dismissal of the un-

popular Government of Alek-

sander Meksi, intended to

defuse the crisis, has had the

opposite effect, encouraging

the protesters to press for Mr

men who ran the pyramid

schemes," said Hassan, an

electrical engineer who lost all

his savings in Vefa, the biggest

pryamid scheme, after work-

ing for two years in Greece.

Berisha runs a one-party

state: the Democratic Party

controls everything. He lives

in Hoxha's palaces, he uses

Hoxha's secret police to stay in

anger. But, I pointed out,

President Berisha had dis-

missed Mr Meksi, the unpop-

ular Prime Minister, and

offered to hold talks with the

opposition. "It is not enough for Meksi to go." Hassan said. Berisha himself must go.

This weekend the Vlore

protesters went a step further

and armed themselves with

anything they could lay their

hands on: not just stones and

iron bars, but also guns, some

looted, some already available

to Mafia gangsters. It is

amazing this has not hap-

pened before," one Albanian

journalist said. "Albania is

disintegrating into political anarchy and economic bank-ruptcy before our eyes."

He was white-faced with

power."

Berisha is as corrupt as the

Berisha's resignation.

Rage of betrayed

heralds anarchy

in 'one-party state'

By RICHARD OWEN

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remote regions.

get a raw deal from medical insurance AMONG the 5.7 million in Britain with private medical insurance, one group tend

to pay more yet claim less. They are usually in one of the Professions or work for themselves. Generally fit and healthy.

they follow a responsible lifestyle, and probably

have taken very few days off work over the years. But, if illness should strike, they cannot afford to be away sick for any length of time, and most

have families depending on them.

So they tend to opt for fully comprehensive private medical cover. They find that so-called 'budget schemes' offer too many restrictions; such as no out-patient cover, private treatment only if the NHS cannot treat them within 6 weeks, or there is a restricted hospital list.

But comprehensive schemes are not cheap and. ke all medical insurance, the subscription continue to rise much faster than general inflation.

That's why Western Provident Association, one of Britain's largest and longest established private medical insurers, have designed a unique scheme especially to meet the demands of this important group - the 2-4-1 health insurance plan.

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Typical examples of 21411

London, His annual 2-4-1 family policy premium would be £826 (compared to the £3,600 he would be paying now for a typical top-of-the-range comprehensive medical insurance policy) if he elected to take a £4,000 risk share. He would benefit from a saving of £2,774 every year.

Emma lones is in her mid-forties, lives in the North of England, with 'Scale 1' London cover. The premium rates for 2-4-1 are determined by where you live and unlike most PMI plans you have access to all private hospitals - there is no restricted list. Miss Jones, if she opted to pay the first £2.000, would save herself approximately £1,200 on the cost of a typical top-of-the-range comprehensive medical insurance policy.

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Dick Murray is in a professional occupation, in between £13,870 and £27,740, and Miss Jones his early forties, married with one child, living in between £6,000 and £12,000, without any interest on these sums! This they could either save towards their long term care, put into a medical savings account (msa), use for school fees, top up pension contributions, or they could invest their savings to build up a nest egg with the interest.

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bled on the main presidential palace near Skanderbeg Square in Tirana. In the port of Sarande, familiar to tourists in Corfu, for whom it is a short ferry ride away, black smoke billowed above burnt buildings. in both towns protesters seized hold of police and army weap-

MUHAMMAD SAYYAD

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

TODDLERS given regular piano lessons may have a head start in developing the reasoning used in maths and science, according to a neurological experiment in California.

Three and four-year-olds who learnt Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and other simple tunes over six months performed on average 34 per cent better in IQ tests than those who had computer lessons or no lessons, scientists from the universities of California and Wisconsin found.

The study, which used 78 children from different social and economic backgrounds, is the first to suggest a direct link between some musical activities and scientific reasoning. It adds weight to theories that playing and listening to classical music offers unbeatable exercise for the brain.

Translating notes from a stave into actions on a keyboard stimulates and may even create the complex "neural networks" a child will use to solve maths and science problems, a researcher on the study said at the weekend.

"Music training jumpstarts certain inherent patterns in the brain that communicate other parts responsible for 'spatialtemporal' reasoning," Amy Graziano of the University of California at Irvine explained, adding: "The earlier you start the better."

Scientists already accept that stimuli in the first five years of life are crucial in linking brain cells into networks used for creative as well as logical thought. Thereafter, unused cells are thought to start dying.

Computers appear to provide no such training. apparently because a computer does not force its user to visualise information or think ahead.

The study, published in the journal Neurological Research, was part-funded by America's National Piano Foundation.

Mobutu recruits Serb fighters for Zairean civil war

From Tom Walker in Doboj, republika srpska

HUNDREDS of demobilised Serb soldiers and paramilitaries are being recruited as mercenaries to help to prop up President Mobutu's struggling forces in the Zairean

More than 300 Serbs are already in Zaire, and more hope to join them in the coming weeks. A Serb fighter from Republika Srpska who agreed to talk to The Times described a network of agents and intermediaries, including the Yugoslav Army, that re-cruits and transports the mercenaries. In a dimly lit café in Doboj, just north of the Bosnian Federation border, the former officer in Republika Srpska's army described how mercenaries are taken from the eastern and western halves of the republic, transferred across the border into Serbia.

and flown in Yugoslav trans-

FROM REUTER

ZAIREAN rebels advancing

towards Kisangani said yes-

terday their forces had cap-

tured the strategic town of Lubutu and the Tingi Tingi

camp that had held 170,000

There was no independent

confirmation of the advance

and no word on the fate of the

Lubutu, 125 miles southeast

of Kisangani, is the last town

on the road from Bukavu and

Tens of thousands of refu-

gees started on Friday to leave

Tingi Tingi, outside Lubutu,

fleeing the rebels, according to

aid workers evacuated from

The rebel advance towards

Kisangani, Zaire's third-larg-

est city, threatens the integrity

of the vast and mineral-rich

country, ruled since 1965 by

President Mobutu. The Zaire-

an leader, now in France

ailing with prostate cancer,

has decided to delay his return

Kisangani on Saturday.

Hutu refugees.

boasts an airstrip.

refugees.

Guerrillas claim

capture of camp

port planes to Africa. He said a Belgian or French security company operated the network with the complicity of the Republika Srspka and Belgrade political elites.

The mercenaries travel on Belgian, French and Croatian passports and are given threemonth contracts worth almost \$10,000 (£6,200) each. If they are killed, their families receive \$50,000.

Local journalists have linked the trade with a visit made last year to Central Africa by Zoran Lilic, the Yugoslav President. They claim a contract was signed with security agents of Presi-dent Mobutu to supply 1,000 soldiers from Republika Srspka. as well as equipment from the Yugoslav Army.

Cvijetko Udovicic, a journalist with the independent Republika Srspka newspaper

home for a few days to pursue

his search for a solution to the

A total of 57 expatriate aid

workers from the United Na-

tions and other agencies left

Kisangani and Tingi Tingi for

the Zairean capital, Kinshasa,

saying that insecurity linked

to the rebel advance made

An estimated 170,000 Rwan-

dan and Burundian refugees

had set up a camp at Tingi

Tingi after fleeing camps fur-

ther east. Doctors said that up

to 40 a day were dying of

their work impossible.

hunger and disease.

crisis, an aide said.

Alternativa, said French or Belgian security consultants were seen in several Republika Srspka towns before Christmas, and the first movements of men and materials were in early January. Hundreds of demobilised

soldiers trying to survive in the wrecked and impoverished towns of Republika Srspka applied, but many were rejected because of wounds suffered during fight-ing in Bosnia and Krajina. About 500 were taken to Belgrade for medical tests and passports. The check-ups were not strict. What mattered most was experience," said the bearded fighter, wearing a Chicago Bulls tracksuit. He looked forward to going, and was confident of the call-up coming soon. Friends already in Zaire had telephoned him, he said, asking for alcohol and condoms.

Bosnia, comprising the Republika Srspka and the Muslim-Croat Federation, is fertile territory for finding dogs of war. The soldier said that a previous recruitment drive had been made last year, when the Greek Army had been considering using mercenaries in Cyprus.

The Serbs are beasts, but if you can control them they are ideal," the director of a French security company that insists it is not involved in the Zairean war said. "You give them a bit of alcohol and they are excellent, strong fighters with a knowledge of modern techniques. The bottom line is that they are cheap and they are white.

He thought a Belgian company with operations in Angola and Congo was the agency contracted by President Mobutu to oversee the operation. About 100 former soldiers in Doboj are ready to travel. When called up, they will be transferred to a holding centre in Brcko, in the Posavina corridor that links west and east Republika Srspka. There, each pays \$100 to an agent who arranges his transport to Belgrade. Other fighters are channelled through Bratunac and Vlasenica in the eastern part of the republic.



A man with the body of his grandson, killed by the quake in a village near Ardabil

3,000 feared dead in Iranian quake as freeze hits rescue

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

DRIVING snow, high winds and marauding wild dogs and wolves hampered attempts yesterday to reach victims of an earthquake in northwestclaimed 3,000 lives and left 36,000 people homeless. The official death toll stood at 502 with 2,000 injured.

The quake, measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale, struck shortly before nightfall on Friday, but the scale of the disaster in the remote, mountainous province of Ardabil began to emerge only at the weekend.

Rescue workers arriving in the area were met by the wails grief-stricken villagers

VICE-PRESIDENT AI Gore

was portrayed yesterday as playing so central a role in

raising campaign money for

the Democrats that he was

known as the "Solicitor-in-

His problem is that he may

have been too good at filling

the coffers and will be firmly linked in voters' minds with

the Democratic fundraising scandal, to the detriment of his own presidential hopes in

Through his activities, Mr

Gore has built the most formi-

dable fundraising network in

American politics today, often

seeking contributions by phone in a manner several

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FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

whose mud-brick homes had collapsed. "We loaded the dead in bulldozers and dug a tural province remained cut mass grave," said Reza off by snow and landslides. Azizvand, a survivor in 15 miles from Ardabil. His wife of five months was among the dead. He estimated that half the town's inhabit-

ants had been killed. Many people spent the night after the quake outside in sub-zero temperatures. Despite appalling conditions, about 4,000 relief workers led by the Iranian Red Crescent had managed by last night to set up 6,000 tents as temporary shelter. Relief convoys

had to travel slowly over roads

heavy-handed and inappro-

priate for an incumbent Vice-

President, The Washington

Post said. One donor com-

plained that a call from Mr

Gore had the elements of a

The front-page report by Bob Woodward, renowned

for his Watergate investiga-

tion, was based on records, documents and more than 100

The Post established that Mr Gore raised at least \$40

million (£25 million) of the

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mittee over the two years. He

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covered with ice while some villages in the mainly agricul-

With thick fog in many ireas, ilying conditions were hazardous for helicopters ferrying in tents, food, medicine, blankets and heaters. An aid worker in Golestan, one of the worst-hit villages,

said that he had heard a cry for help from under a pile of rubble but could not reach the ruined building because wild dogs surrounded it.

A volunteer said that he had counted 2,000 bodies taken from surrounding villages to the cemetery in Ardabil, the regional capital.

Saddam sues for libel

Paris: A court here will today consider a libel action brought by President Saddam Hussein against the French news magazine Le Nouvel Observateur which last year described him in an article as a "poor simpleton", "a cretin" and "a monster" (Susan Bell writes). The article, entitled "The Unbearable Survival of a Torturer", was described by Saddam's lawyer as "insulting and defamatory". It was written by Jean Daniel, the magazine's director and appeared in the weekly on September 5.

Mufti points way to war

Jerusalem: The Mufti of Jerusalem, the chief Islamic authority here, told al-Hayat newspaper that he doubted Palestinians could regain control of the holy city through talks (Christopher Walker writes). That left "no option but war", said Akram Sabri. Negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem are due to

Taylor back in hospital

Los Angeles: Nine days after undergoing surgery to remove a benign tumour from her brain, Elizabeth Taylor was taken back to hospital at the weekend after suffering a seizure (Giles Whittell writes). The actress was resting comfortably last night, and doctors assured well-wishers that such episodes were common.

Leader was drink-driver

Copenhagen: Per Stig Moller, the new leader of Denmark's opposition Conservatives, was jailed for drunken driving in his student days (Christopher Follett writes). The revelation comes a week after Hans Engeli, his predecessor, resigned after a car accident in which he was found to have a high blood alcohol level.

Bullfighters down swords

Madrid: The buildight season failed to start in Spain as the sport's main professional association began an indefinite strike (Tunku Varadarajan writes). The strike, which some critics describe as a "cheat's charter", is aimed at making it virtually impossible for regulators to detect bulls with blunted horns.

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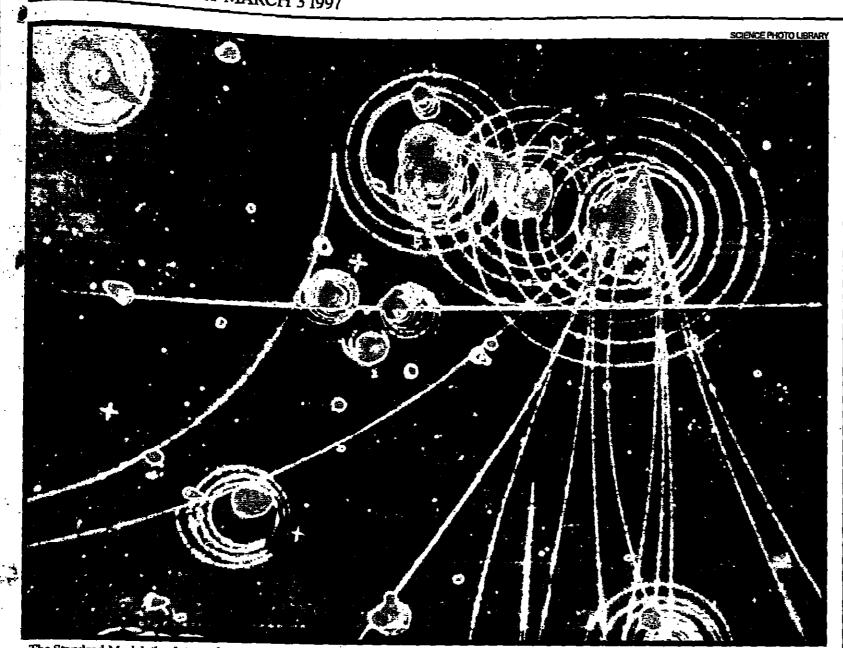
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The Standard Model, the theory of matter which successfully explains the outcome of collisions such as these, between two protons, is under threat

The unexpected guests at the physics party

mutual acquaintances, at a dinner party. Suddenly a stranger Everyone looks round but, in time, the stranger is quietly absorbed. Then another stranger turns up. then another, and, minutes later, another. The original party guests are flummoxed. It's possible the newcomers are all turning up to the wrong party. Or are they supposed to be there?

Particle physicists were faced with an equally spectacular breach of protocol last month. Two accelerator ex periments - where bunches of particles were hurled at each other with unprecedented energies - threw up multiple results that just didn't fit with expectation. Now some scientists suspect they glimpsed hitherto unseen particles, gatecrashers in the world of particle physics. If confirmed, the news will rank as one of the most exciting scientific discoveries this century.

The collisions, conducted at 🐴 a 0.3 km accelerator ring underneath Hamburg, were between protons (positively charged particles found in the nuclei of atoms) and positrons tantimatter versions of the electron, with a positive charge). Protons and positrons, travelling in opposite directions around the ring. smashed into each other at virtually the speed of light. In most cases, they bounced off each other at odd angles.

But on a handful of occasions, something very strange happened. The two particles

Accelerator experiments — where particles are hurled at each other with unprecedented energy - have thrown up results that have baffled scientists, says Anjana Ahuja

got closer than expected, and then the positron bounced straight back off the proton. The Standard Model (SM), the theory dictating how matter in the Universe is stitched together and how particles interact. says this violent rebound should have happened no more than six times during their experiments. The researchers cla

on a total of 17 occasions. Sceptics call it a statistical fluke — there is a 1 per cent chance they are right. That leaves a 99 cent chance

that the unusual results signify something. This feeling is strengthened by the fact that the same "fluke" has been

recorded in two separate international experiments - called HI and Zeus conducted at the Hadron Electron Ring Accelerator at the underground DESY laboratory in Hamburg. "It's like lightning striking twice in the same place," says Roger Cashmore, Professor of Ex-perimental Particle Physics at Oxford University, and leader of the British contingent in Zeus. "That is why people are taking this so seriously. And these events are absolutely not artefacts of the experiment. They stand out like a sore thumb." Both research groups have submitted their results to a German physics journal.

One speculative theory is that the collision led to a kind of particle scrum - the positron raced towards the proton. penetrated it. fused temporarwith one of the building

problem is, the SM 'It's like says that positrons lightning built from completely different bricks which canstriking not be stuck, or fused, together twice in The building bricks of the positron the same are called leptons: those in protons are called quarks. place' None of the four

forces in nature is capable of glueing leptons and

quarks together. However, introduce a mysterious fifth force, and the observations slot neatly into place. A positron penetrates the proton and, courtesy of this fifth force, joins up with a quark temporarily to form a leptoquark". This leptoquark instantaneously decays, lobbing out an enormously energetic positron.

Another possibility is that the bizarre findings hint at a

no explanation for all that variety. The model contains more than a dozen arbitrary constants describing those interactions ... It is hard to accept as fundamental a hidden substructure in fundatheory in which so many mental particles. Quarks and important numbers are incalleptons are considered fundaculable in principle." Maligned though it is, the mental - everything in nature is ultimately constructed from

them. Perhaps. Professor

Cashmore says, they are not so

fundamental after all. "We

might be peeling away at

another layer of the onion," he

who leads Manchester Uni-

versity's participation in HI.

favours the substruture argu-

ment. "Something deep inside

the proton is giving the posi-

tron an enormous clout," he

says. "Not only is the positron

stopped in its tracks, but it's

sent flying back with more

energy that it started off with.

The SM does not provide for

leptoquarks, which is why

particle physicists think they

have a sensation on their

hands. Professor Marshall

says: "One hundred years

from now, we will not be

talking about the Standard

For some, the SM has

always been condemned.

because it lacks the finesse expected of major theories.

Murray Gell-Mann, the theo-

retical physicist who first pre-

dieted the existence of quarks, summed it up in The Quark

and the Jaguar "(The Stan-

dard Model) contains more

than 60 kinds of elementary

particles and a number of

Keeping man off the menu

Model in its present form."

theory has its defenders. Professor Cashmore admits that the SM "has as many holes as a sieve" but merits respect because it crystallises accurately 20 years of particle physics experiments. He missing. "There is no credible alternative," he says simply. "We have to hope that numbers in the model that now seem arbitrary will fall into place as we advance."

nteractions among them, but

ut there is a popular rival to the SM. Supersymmetry theory states that there is a mirror world in which every single particle has a twin identical except for a property called spin. Introducing new particles allows for more interactions.

All scientists agree that the way to resolve the matter is to take more measurements, and both experiments will start up again this week. Among those on the HI experiment will be researchers from Birmingham, Lancaster, Liverpool, Manchester and London. Zeus includes participants from Bristol, Glasgow and Oxford. New results will be available within a year, and there is

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How a haemoglobin transfusion boosts tobacco

Red-blooded plant

SCIENCE

BRIEFING

Nigel

ANAEMIC-looking house-plants may really need a blood transfusion, research in Sweden has suggested. When a team from the University of Lund gave tobacco plants the gene for haemoglobin, they were astonished by the results. The modified plants grew big and bushy, shooting up faster and generating far more nicotine than regular plants. If this isn't a fluke, it looks as if they may have stumbled on a way of making many plants far more productive.

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Haemoglobin is the red pig-ment that carries oxygen in the blood of vertebrates. It is also Hawkes found in lower species, and when a team led by Dr Leif Bulow, of the Centre for Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at Lund, used conventional genetic engineering techniques to insert the gene for haemoglo-bin from a bacterium called Vitreoscilla into

tobacco, they did not expect a particularly dramatic result. Plants are already believed

to produce their own haemoglobin, mostly

down in the roots. Remarkably, however, the modified tobac-co performed like Jack's beanstalk. The plants germinated in three to four days instead of six to eight, flowered sooner, and grew faster. After 35 days of growth they weighed 80 to 100 per cent more than untreated tobacco, producing a third more chlorophyll and nicotine, the team reports in

Nature Biotechnology. What is more, says Dr Bülow, they appear greener than normal

The team worked on tobacco not because of its economic importance but because it is a handy plant for such genetic trickery, and is often used by plant geneticists. While nicotine yield went up by about a third, the amounts of another substance in the leaves, anabasine. fell. The reason for this, the researchers suggest, is that nicotine production requires oxygen, which is supplied by the haemoglobin, while anabasine production does not.

"It's a far-out experiment, and they got farout results," says Dr Nicholas Brewin, a plant biologist at the John Innes Centre in Norwich. "Nobody had even thought before to put haemoglobin in a plant. We thought that plants are OK for oxygen; after all, they make the stuff." If these good results can be maintained when the modified plants are grown in normal field conditions, says Dr Brewin, "it creates a whole new dimension in biotechnology".

Dr Bülow has now turned his attention to another plant, datura, where he says he is getting similar results. Next, he is going to try to pull off the same trick with rice and maize, two of the major world food crops. Patents have been applied for, so if it works there too, the cash registers will start ringing.

Don't forget to drink coffee



THREE coffees a day could help the elderly to keep their memories in trim, according to Dutch scientists. They have found, in tests on yourger people, that coffee is an effective stimulant, able to reduce forgetfulness by half.

Professor Jellemer Jolles, the director of The Netherlands Memory and Ageing Programme, carried out tests on young volunteers made temporarily forgetful by the drug scopolamine. Two hours after being given the drug, the volunteers' ability to remember a series of words they had learnt was severely affected, but the loss of memory was halved if the drug was followed within an hour by three cups of ordinary coffee. Memory recovery was also faster after drinking coffee. but decaffeinated did not work.

Professor Jolles asserts that coffee should be the benchmark for determining the effectiveness of a new range of memoryenhancing drugs for Alzheimer's patients. No drug should be prescribed that it not more effective than three cups of coffee, he

Gene research brings new hope



TWO British teams have produced encouraging results in gene therapy trials. In separate reports in the journal Gene Therapy, groups from Edinburgh and from a consortium from Oxfrom a consolution ford, Cambridge, Manches-

ter and Leeds show that by wrapping the normal cystic fibrosis gene inside fatty molecules called liposomes, it can be successfully delivered into the airways and taken up by the cells there.

Cystic fibrosis is the commonest inherited disease in Britain, the lung being the worstaffected organ. So far, the trials have been tests of principle, and have shown that the procedure is safe and that the gene is absorbed and functions. Professor David Porteus, of Edinburgh University, says the results justify further research aimed at treating the disease itself. "There is a long way to go before we have a cure for cystic fibrosis but we are moving in the right direction," he says. Dr Martin Scott, of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, says: "It's good news for people with CF and their families."

The case of the planet that never was



astronomers who found a planet orbiting around a distant star were mistaken, according to a new analysis. The discovery 16 months ago by astronomers from the University of

Geneva was the first-ever evidence that stars other than the Sun have planets, and was greeted with great excitement because it increases the chance of life

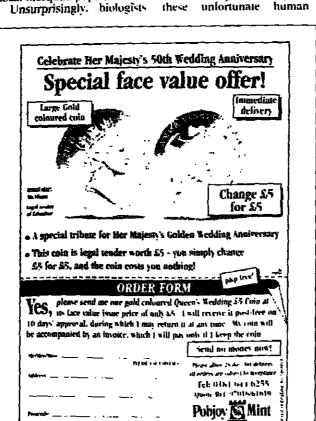
existing elswehere in the Universe. Now Dr David Gray, of the University of Western Ontario, has found a simpler explanation for the behaviour of the star, 51

Pegasi. He says that "wobbles" in the image of the star, previously identified as being caused by a massive planet orbiting close to it, are in fact the result of natural

variations. "Something else is going on, and it's no longer reasonable to talk about a planet pulling the star around," Professor Gray said. The chances of the variations being caused by a planet is "vanishingly small", he reports in Nature.

The discoverers of the planet, the Swiss astrononers Michel Mayor and Didier Queioz, have hit back, claiming that the conclusion was "extraordinarily premature".

have been trying to dream up HUMAN bitting catches have the worst scientific job in a more humane way of colthe world. Their grim task is lecting this information. Now scientists at Imperial College. to sit unprotected in mosqui-**TOW MANY** led by Dr Gay Gibson and Dr to-ridden areas, and then Jim Hardie, are trying to count up the number of bites 1 Mother's Days devise a mosquito trap that they have accumulated. This can mimic the smell of a tells scientists how active the have you human being and so replace local mosquito population is. Unsurprisingly, biologists remembered? Precisely.

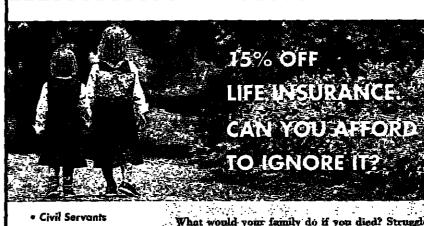


about 40 per cent of our attractiveness," Dr Gibson says. "Nobody knows what makes up the other 60 per cent, although lactic acid, a fatty acid found on the skin, is probably involved." The researchers will keep a volunteer in a tent, and capture the air coming out of the ventilation system. Then chemists will break down the human odour into constituent substances. Each chemical will be tested on mosquitoes, to see if there is a magic scent to which the insects flock. This work will be painstaking - mosquitoes, like all insects, have highly developed offactory systems, and are able to sniff out the finiest amounts of particular chemicals. Before they embark on this

complex project, the scientists will design a trap to ensnare mosquitoes attracted to the smell of sewage. Pungent though such odours are, they are chemically simpler to imitate. At the moment, such mosquitoes are kept at bay by insecticides. Green Planet Products, a

Spanish company, has given the researchers £100,000 over two years to develop a greener

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The McAlpine memoirs: Day One — the most explosive political disclosures of the year

This week, The Times is serialising the memoirs of Lord McAlpine of West Green, who was, for 15 years, Tory Party treasurer. His views are witty, irreverent and often lethal. We begin with a few characteristic verdicts on his friends ... and enemies

THE MYTH about Jeffrey Archer is that he was a member of Thatcher's court. The fact is that he was not As Archer's fundraising achievements, they were negligible. He occupied himself mainly with high-profile auctioning of signed whisky bottles at Party functions. He played little part in raising the

that it cost to run Central Office. Archer is a clever man — he must be to construct transparent myth about himself. Every time evidence is produced that his myth is transparent it is dismissed on the basis that no man would pretend to

a life so easily debunked. Oddly likeable, Archer adds to the pleasures of life and many

people have been the recipients of his open hospitality. I only hope, for the sake of hearing only good of the man. mistakenly gives him again a job of any political consequence. To do that would once more put both party and nation in considerable ieonardy.

Archer's resignation was more than enough of a reason for Norman Tebbit and myself to open a bottle of cham-

CTIRIS PALIEN

CHRIS PATTEN came to lunch with me shortly after I became Treasurer. I was living at the time in a suite in the Dorchester and usually lunched there. I can remember him tucking into a plate of oysters, his blond forelock falling forward, hiding both

his face and the oyster that he was eating. You can always tell the character of a man when he eats oysters and I

Years later, in the 1992 general election, a cheer was heard to come from my house in Great College Street when

Lady Thatcher was dining in the house at the time. There were two televisions showing the election re-

sults, one upstairs that Thatcher and a others er downstairs, where there were those who cheered Patten's Any Conserva-

tive Party Chairman who allows a large proportion of the shopkeepers in his constituency to go out of business without trying to see that something is done to change the economy of the country, deserves to lose his

JOHN MAJOR was often at Chequers, pretending to be a pair of curtains. He made no impact on arryone there, he was just a figure in a

Why did Margaret Thatcher wish him to succeed her? The answer is simple: she was merely trying to humiliate Geoffrey Howe, who was impatient for his turn. Only when John Major

came to power and peace was declared in the Cabinet, did the civil war truly break out. John Major rather naively believed that he had been elected overwhelmingly to the

Conservative Party's leader-

ship and that, as a conse-

ovence, all those in the party

FOOTBALL

should, if they did not think as he thought, at least do as he said. The Cabinet of Churns soon became a hotbed of rebellion: if a knife was missing it could easily be found, for it would be sticking out of a

colleague's back. The back benches became uneasy: criticism became tantamount to rebellion; a vote against the Government treason; those who wrote or spoke in criticism of the Conservative Government became

anathema to be cast into outer

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MARGARET THATCHER'S chief grumble about Geoffrey. Howe, apart from the eccentric behaviour of his wife, Elspeth, who spent an evening in a cardboard box in Charing Cross Road, was his sheer reasonableness - it made him quite intolerable. I used to

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watch as Geoffrey irritated Margaret Thatcher beyond belief. It was the small things that upset her. For a start, he always spoke very quietly and she could not hear what he had to say. Then, as Foreign Secretary, he used to recite, at great length, in Cabinet the tales of his travels. For instance he would begin "And

then we came to Malaysia . . . This drove his Prime Minister beyond the point of boredom. Finally, the great misunderstanding occurred when, in order to appoint John Major as Foreign Secretary, she had to dismiss Geoffrey

"Geoffrey." the Prime Min-ister began, "I have to move John [Major] to the Foreign
Office." Geoffrey Howe replied, "Wonderful, he will be a
great help to me." The misunderstanding hear to be explained and Geoffrey House plained and Geoffrey Howe went. He waited, then made a resignation speech resigning his position as Deputy Prime Minister that is credited with bringing down the Prime Minister.

CECIL PARKINSON

CECIL PARKINSON does not intend to gossip or pass on remarks made in confidence. It is a fault that he cannot help, telling people stories that are steresting or tunny. In truth, he trusts people more than he should.

At Cecil's first meeting at Cen-tral Office, Angela Hooper, a very attractive woman, was sitting opposite him. Angela twitch that makes it seem as if she is winking. It was not long before Cecil was winking back. He is naturally friend-

Cecil Parkinson ly. After the 1983 election, Cecil was to be the Foreign Secretary. However, it all came to mothing and he went, instead, to the Department of Trade and Industry. It was a shame, because a Foreign Secretary with commercial experience was just what Britain needed.

IN 1978, Tristan Garel-Jones was the junior PA to Thorneycroft. No one really knew why he was there. No one, including Thorneycroft, knew what he was supposed to be doing. In fact, he did nothing except listen, and file words and actions away for later use. He liked to get himself involved with other people's business. Asked what were his ambitions should he be elected to Parliament, Garel-Jones replied: "I want to be in the Whips' Office, nothing more, nothing less." There were a few of us sitting drinking champagne in Central Office and it was late in the evening. "Why on earth the Whips' Office?", GarelJones was asked. A staunch teetotaller, he replied: "In the Whips' Office I can find out about other people's private lives." The man meant what

EDWARD HEATH treated most of those who helped him shabbily and, in part, it was his meanness in distributing credit and subsequently reward, that brought him down.

Heath is one of those people whose sense of humour worked thus: he would say something to you that was mildly offensive; if you laughed, he was being serious, but if you took offence he was joking and you lacked a sense of humour. An example of this was his encounter with his adviser, Geoffrey Tucker, in the corridor of Central Office. "Good morning, Sir Geoffrey." was his greeting. It was the time when letters to those about to receive honours were shortly to go out. This greeting can only have led Tucker to believe that he was to receive a

served. Sadly, nothing came. MARGARLI FHAFCHER

WHEN asked does Margaret Thatcher have a sense of humour, I always reply in the affirmative. When asked for an example of her

humour, I reply that she always laughs at my jokes. When ministers grumbled that Margaret Thatcher was tiresome and difficult, I used to compare her to a great diva, difficult off the stage, but pure magic when she came to

grips with a great aria. It is strange how men, and perhaps more so their wives, make a point of saying

how difficult Margaret

Thatcher was when in power.

I never found this, although was not accustomed to working for people. She can also be remarkably tolerant, of failure. In fact, one of the most remarkable things about Margaret Thatcher is that while she may disagree with an individual profoundly, I have never heard her say a word to the personal detriment of even her most virulent enemies.

MARCIA FALKI NDER

DURING the 1979 election campaign, an intermediary had passed a message to me that Marcia Falkender would like to give us some advice to ly excited by this proposition for no one, in those days, knew the psychology of the Labour Party better than Marcia Falkender. Indeed, seldom had there been a smarter political operator. The meetings were arranged by an

intermediary who was the Man of Business, so to speak, of a great British industrialist. These meetings were fascinating, for the level of contempt Marcia had for the

eopie who ran the Labour Party incredible. This was not surprising, for they had treated both her and Harold Wilson badly. In 1974, when Wilson won the elechis party refused even to pay Marcia's salary. It was just an

act of personal spite. She was also very taken with the idea of then lost her job in a reshuffle. having a woman prime

JANLIMOUNG

straightforward, honest and immensely tiresome. Her infivence permeated Central Of-Opposition. She had no feel for the grandeur of politics on

where the civil

Janet Young

Not surprisingly, she was pretty put out about-this people tend to get cross when they get the sack. Janet Young complained to Lord Soames. -"I know just how you feel," he

JANET YOUNG, later Baronreplied. "I felt just like that ess Young, was puritanical, when you took my job." knighthood he richly de-NOKIA 100 HOUR BATTERY **() (3) (4)** NOKIA 16 Latest Nokia GSM Phon UFA 72-K 32- Supplied with rapid

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reveal the rivalry and infighting behind the scenes in Central Office and in Government Money and the Conservatives

Lord McAlpine begins his account with a description of his first day as treasurer of the Conservative Party. It was to provide a foretaste of the battles that lay ahead

t was in August 1975 that I had first visited Margaret Thatcher at her home in Flood Street. I was excited at being asked to visit the new Leader of the Opposition who, I assumed, wanted to discuss Conservative fundraising. Who would be suitable candidates for the post of party treasurer? I mulled a few names over in my mind; my favourite for the post was John Sainsbury.

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The door was opened by Margaret Thatcher who seemed somewhat flustered. The telephone was ringing and there was no one else in the house to answer it. She indicated to me to go upstairs to her sitting room while she answered the phone. I stood upstairs for a minute or two and then she appeared, offered me a drink and told me to sit down at the same time. I could not think of what I wanted to drink, and suggested that I was fine without one. She insisted. I took the path of least resistance and settled for a gin and tonic. The phone rang again; she answered it and after that hurried downstairs to mix the drinks.

When she reappeared, bearing my drink, she explained that the treasurers of the Conservative Party, the Lords Ashdown and Chelmer, had resigned and that the appointment of the treasurer was hers dispose of as she wished. he would have to speak to Lord Thorneycroft, chairman of the party, who was in hospital at the time, but only to inform him of her choice.

I listened to all this, not quite knowing where it was leading. She then said how grateful she was that I had agreed to take the job. I was a bit taken aback, for no one had offered it to me, but as she was clearly happy for me to do it, what could it possibly matter? After all. I had never been offered a

serious job before. I thought, afterwards, I should have said that I must isk my wife, my family, my ousiness parmers, but I am extremely glad that I did not say any such thing, for that was not Margaret Thatcher's style. I seized this opportunity as if it was the greatest offered to me in my whole life, and so it turned out. I did not know then that I was to work closely for 15 years with a woman who was arguably the best peacetime Prime Minister that Britain has had this century. Had

l prevaricated, Margaret Thatcher would, I think, have Some with me: I would. Nowever, have been a different person if I had needed all that

and health and social welfare.



John Major asked if I would help them out

in hand. Inside Smith Square

there was an atmosphere of

almost total hostility. The chief agent. Richard Webster, met

us and we were shown to the

internal conference room, a

room that in those days was

decorated with rather had

murals of London, acting as

backdrops to spokesmen when

they gave press conferences. It

was, as always, airless, hot

words to the departmental

heads and the various vice-

chairmen and chairwomen

who were assembled. I mum-

bled some uninspired junk

and Margaret Thatcher left. I

did not see her again for some

weeks, as she went to America.

to attend her offices in the

House of Commons, I was, I

must confess, nervous at hav-

ing to report how I had got on.

for I had really not "got on" at all. She was friendly and

asked a question or two.

Encouraged, I launched into a

dissertation on how Central

Office was run and on how it

might be run. Then came the

unstairs to the treasurers'

quarters, an oblong room with

two large, old-fashioned carved oak desks, Between

them, in the middle of the

room, was a small functional

desk at which a copy typist

not have lasted a week but for

several pieces of luck. The first

was that in the director of the

Treasurers' Department, Ma-

jor-General Sir Brian Wyld-

bore-Smith, I found an ally.

man of considerable class and

great ability and when it

comes to getting money out of

people, there are few to match him. He led a troop of exem-

plary men who worked, at that

time, for salaries that were

derisory, Central Office's view.

when I arrived, was that these

people were useless and

after a couple of weeks. I

began to see the sense in

employing these fine people

Wyldbore-Smith and I became

close friends and I have only

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sort of reassurance, and of much less use to her.

'You will need an office." "Will I?" Why should I need an office? I had a perfectly good office already. "An office in 32 Smith Square." And she went on to explain that the party was half a million pounds in debt. There was, she said, a treasurer's staff already at Smith Square.

I walked down her garden path, brimming with excitement. On the following Wednesday, I returned. I rang the doorbell, was let into the house and again shown upstairs. There was one small problem: both Chelmer and Ashdown had withdrawn their resignations. But not to worty, I was told, the party would have timee treasurers.

"We will go in your car. Alistair." At least, that was the idea until Margaret Thatcher caught sight of my smart new Mercedes-Benz. We went to Smith Square in her old Rover, driven by its government driver. My car was swiftly changed for a Britishmade Jaguar.

At Smith Square there was a reporter and a photographer. Margaret Thatcher took me a few yards down the pavement and as we turned to walk into 32 Smith Square, she said quietly to me: Take your hand out of your pocket." I did, and the result was that in The Daily Telegraph's photograph

was then the director of the research department. Years later, on becoming party chairman, he made it his prime objective to streamline the party organisation and to get rid of both Wyldbore-Smith and Brigadier Sir Henry Lee, his right-hand man and the conscience of the Conservative fundraisers. along with them, the party lost many of the most able of a whole group of military men. "Too old" was Patten's paltry excuse. Old they may have been, but they were wise. Many of the party's current scandals arise directly from the fact that they have never been replaced by men of similar calibre or experience.

I retired as Conservative Party treasurer on July 15. 1990. The last year had, for me, been extremely tiresome. I had been ill and had worked too long at Central Office. Too many Members of Parliament were finding people who would give the party money. too many businessmen believed that to be treasurer of the Conservative Party was just the job for them. I felt that the place was out of control. Kenneth Baker sat resplendent in his magnificent office. A warning was given to me about a particular businessman. I passed the message on to two members of the Cabinet who were closely associated with him. Within hours, my words were repeated to this man. Fifteen years was too long. I was beginning to fight the old banles, all over again.

The highlight of my career raising funds for the Conservatives came a year after I had given up the job. In 1991 Chris Patten asked me to come and see the Prime Minister with him. The meeting took place in John Major's office at the House of Commons, He was late: I waited patiently, John Major asked would I help them our? There was a rich man who had been very generous to the party during my years as treasurer. I knew this man. The party's funds were in a desperate state. A large donation would be most helpful. Would I see if I could persuade this man to make

. such a donation?

the three of us knew about this matter, I saw the gentleman concerned the next evening and he generously gave me a large cheque. I carefully put brook, gave him the cheque and Henry Lee gave me a receipt, which I gave to the man concerned. By this time

As far as I was aware, only

and there, that I could not bluff with smart but meaningless

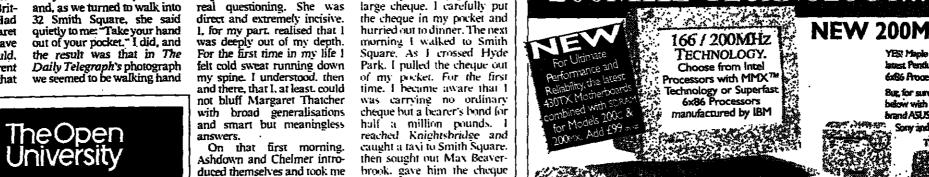
cheque. Yet some months later I found the details of the transaction in a Sunday newspaper, Max Beaverbrook I know to be discreet. Henry Lee's discretion is without question. The donor had no intention of informing the press and neither had I. The fact of the matter was the existence of the cheque had leaked.

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The phrase "the Jew Rifkind" sent out alarm signals. For a young German journalist to be describing (or discriminating) thus was too much for Jews and non-Jews still aghast at the Holocaust. The Jewish community has made its feelings known. The context of the phrase, though, raises another, perhaps less obvi-

ous point. At the outset, let me say that this article does not seek to condemn the young woman. Let us accept that it was written in a rather pedantic fashion to make an ironic statement. The irony was perceived to be that a Jew was quoting a Lutheran Martin Luther's bold ringing words - "Here ! stand. I can do no other. God help me." have tempted the philosopher and politician ever since they were first uttered. The way it was written, however, made it seem rather out of place that these Lutheran Protestant words should be used by a Scottish Jew in 1997.

It reveals a sense of the ownership of knowledge. I was brought

up as an Anglican Protestant and for more than 50 years in Anglican churches I have listened to the words of Jewish prophets, scholars, psalmists, evangelists and seers. I have chanted the words of the Apostles and sung the songs of David. For centuries Catholics and Protestants of multiple denominations have quoted Jewish scriptures - few more authoritatively than Martin Luther himself. Jew-

ish texts from the Bible rift through British poetry and metaphor, and peoples whose history and environment are far away from Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jericho have drawn freely on that Until quite recently inside every educated Briton was a well-versed

amateur of Jewish history and

moral teaching. We quoted know-ingly and without irony from another people, another religion,

another time. And this has not stopped during the 20th century, even with the subsidence in the sea of faith. Marx, Freud and Einstein; Mahler and Mendelssohn; Klemperer and Bernstein: Bellow and Singer — these and so many more Jewish intellectuals have irrigated the imagination and opened new paths, sometimes for better and sometimes for worse. But they have been open to all-corners.

It is not an irony that Malcolm Rifkind quoted from Martin Luther; it is the mark of respect which an educated mind paid to a

The German reaction has been first, that this remark has been blown out of proportion and secondly, that the British ought to look to the mote in their own eye as they persistently lambast the Germans. That the



Time to recognise a great inheritance

reaction may have been exaggerated is a point which many would concede in Germany and elsewhere, although it cannot be said too firmly that the Jews cannot be blamed for being on red alert over

this issue. Who can blame them? The second point — that we give the Germans a bashing in our own press - is easier to discuss and particularly relevant when sensitivities are heightened over Europe. The shadow of Nazism cannot be easily swept away, yet there is considerable admiration for the new Germany and the new Germans in this country. There is also some envy that 50 years on we, "the victors", have not done as well as the country against whom we fought and won some of our greatest battles.

But I must say that this is not one-sided. I have been with Germans during the past 20 years when they have taken no little pleasure in seeing what appeared our endless and hopeless struggle to join the late 20th century. We bash, perhaps; they gloat, perhaps. Neither is very attractive.

What is more relevant is that time, youth, and the inevitable cohering of Europe is working things out. After all, one of the most renowned world novelists in this country since the war is Gunther Grass; Wagner's music - despite everything - is passionately supported here; Becker is a hero at Wimbledon; the German industrial machine is a standard; and we want to defeat them at football because we acknowledge that they are just about the best at that game.

But it might be worth the Germans remembering that the British bash everyone: it's a nat-ional passime. And most especially we bash ourselves. We are world leaders in self-mockery and selfdenigration. Other countries regard our television, for instance, as quite remarkable. Over here — perhaps healthily, who knows? —

we like to give it a fair old bashing. Political drama over the past generation has been politically directed against the British, often venomously. The Germans should pity what we do to us.

Look at what the BBC did all last week, our great internationally applauded British institution! As the English rugby team prepared to take the field against the French, the BBC ran a presentation campaign which made us out to be thick, cloddish and boastful.

On one side of the sereen they quoted, for example, Rousseau (1712-78): "All human beings are essentially good and equal in their natural state." On the other side of the screen they quoted a former England rugby player. The lads'il munch them.

There's no doubt that we clobbered ourselves. But most of us also thought it was furmy - until we saw the result when the philosophical French won with existentialist expertise. Perhaps the Germans should take up rugby. On second thoughts ...

CONCERTS: Political overtones from Henze; and a lively medieval bard

stage in his progress Towards Rattle chose two works which. apart from the memorial function they have in common, are at each opposite extreme. Igor Stravinsky's highly economical, precisely disciplined, infi-nitely understated Requiem Canticles compresses the Requiem Mass into 15 minutes of allusions. Hans Werner Henze's sprawling, permissive, protesting Raft of the Medusa enlarges on Géricault's painting in a 45-minute epic of naively pretentious words and inspired vocal and

An icon of the revolutionary Sixties. Henze's Oratorio volgare e militare owes its status not entirely to its artistic qualities. The political element grafted onto Ernst Schnabel's text, which is really about death and survival in the most drastic of every-manfor-himself situations, and the Ho Chi Minh apotheosis is not the most impressive passage in Henze's score. More important are its dedication to Che Guevara and the abandonment of its first performance, after visitations by overenthusiastic students and retaliatory police, in Hamburg in 1968. It was not heard in at the beginning of a less turbulent decade.

The performance in Symphony Hall — given in English with a narrator, Franz Mazura, who would have been much happier and clearer in the original German stimulated not the least revolutionary twitch. The major impression was made by the

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sheer beauty of the score: the seductive poetry of La Mort, sung here with ethereal ease by Juliane Banse; the eloquence of the extended-voice part for the leader of the survivors, expressively and most skilfully uttered by David Wilson-Johnson; the

adapted from the Divine Comedy for the Chorus of the Dead, securely intoned by the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus and Youth Chorus: such profoundly sombre or-chestral colouring as that which cast its negative illumination on the nocturnal beginning of Part Two...

Faced with anything as demanding as The Raft of the Medusa, any other conductor would surely have devoted all

one work. Simon Rattle made his artistic point, however, by reducing the acoustic focus to the Requiem Canticles - performed with less than completed precision by a small ensemble from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, with the BBC Singers and soloists Deborah Miles-Johnson and David Wilson Johnson - and then invaded it with the Henze. Overwhelmed by the horror of it at the interval, by which time many from the living chorus had crossed the platform to join the ranks of the dead, the audience was by the end so moved as to offer the composer a restrained but sincere

GERALD LARNER

Songs of a German knight

OSWALD VON WOLKEN-STEIN (d. 1445) was a courtier, traveller, soldier, prisoner and possibly the finest German poet before Goethe. His colourful life infuses his verse with the full range of human experience, and the New London Consort's programme of his songs at the Purcell Room reflected the

Recent research has shown that von Wolkenstein wrote his verse to existing melodies, or even polyphonic songs, though he often adapted the music to suit his purposes. breaking down notes into smaller values and transforming a chanson-style melismatic phrase into quick-fire

New London Consort Purcell Room

declamation. The practice of contrafactum - setting new words to existing music was widespread and deemed the Middle Ages, but few re-arranged and adapted with the flair of this German

knight.
Take the spring song Der
Mai Mit Lieber Zal, an arrangement of a popular song by Jehan Vaillant von Wolkenstein transforms it into a compendium of birdsong and other onomato-

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poeic effects revelling in the sounds of the German language. It was delivered pattera-song style by Catherine Bott, who, both here and in the still more openly racy items, brought just the right touch of knowingness. The bawdy-with-style tone of Frölich Geschrav was perfectly offset by her polished deirvery.

Equally stylish were her long-time companion in the New London Consort, the baritone Michael George. and - a relative newcomer the tenor Paul Agnew. George is particularly good at rousing numbers such as Nu Huss, while Agnew's light but richly expressive voice is ideally suited to the more expansive tyricism of love songs such as Der Oben Swebt or Du, Ausserweltes Schöns Mein

Von Wolkenstein's poetry has its own music - he freely invents words to exploit sound and rhythm - and this came across most strongly in Ach Senleiches Leiden performed as an unaccompanied duo by Agnew and George. Not that the instrumental contributions from the New London Consort were anything less than superbly exe-cuted. The "performing versions" of their director Philip Pickett were generally convincing, although the re-curring recorder trill in the travelogue Durch Barbarei, Arabia was a little too delib-erately "scored" for my taste, a minor reservation that could be extended to the instrumental interpolations in general. These were highly polished, but at times seemed lacking in

spontancity.

Teenage triumph

Richard

Morrison on Misper, a

cracker of a new children's

opera

hildren's opera has a chequered history. But Misper, commissioned by Glyndebourne and premiered by pupils from Sussex schools and a few adult professionals, is a cracker. Stephen Plaice's libretto brilliantly catches the way teenagers talk. John Lunn's music makes up in Nineties energy, noise and variety what it lacks in memorable tunes.

And Stephen Langridge's staging, much helped by Alison Chitty's ingenious designs, sends a cast of 50 youngsters hurtling through a story which - with its urban cocktail of vandalism, arson and bullying, wrapped up in a spot of time-travelling The Bill, Grange Hill and Dr

Who rolled into one. Never dull, in other words, and never patronising: a rare double success in that vital but easily messed-up operatic field known as "outreach". And with the foyers, stage and auditorium bursting with kids, Glyndebourne seemed a hundred times more alive than it does during its *proper" opera seasons to the

champers crowd.

A 12th-century Chinese philosopher (the superb Omar Ebrahim), commanded by his emperor to write the history of the future, literally blots his copybook when his pet mon-key knocks over a bottle of ink. He steps into the blot, and into the future, to set matters right. Whisked into modern England, he witnesses a 12-yearold boy, spraying his graffiti tag in a train tunnel, unjustly taking the rap when a gang of youths derail a goods train with a concrete block.

The Chinaman, mistaken for a vagrant or "misper" ("missing person" in police jar-gon), befriends the boy, but is powerless to intervene in a century that isn't his own. The boy is bullied into silence by the gang in playground scenes that are all too believable. But TESS KNIGHTON a feisty girl — inspired by her imaginary friend, an FBI



Getting it right: the superb Omar Ebrahim in the Glyndebourne premiere of Misper

agent in a TV series called The Phoenix Files — searches out the truth. Along the way, we get such incidental amusements as an impenetrable Gallic proverb from one Eric Cantona (played by Jozik Koc). Finally, all is put right; and the Chinaman returns to his own

There are faults. The crowd scenes have vitality, but emotional moments between indi-viduals sometimes fall flat. That, perhaps, is where a

young cast shows its inexperience. Some vocal lines are pitched too high for teenage soloists, and only the excellent Ben Davies (playing the chief bully) produces the consistentclear diction to match such fine pros as Mary King and Melanie Pappenheim. But in the pit the East Sussex Academy of Music Orchestra, expertly conducted by Andrea Quinn, has fun with the riffs

and roar of Lunn's score:

brassy and exotic for the

China scenes; cool, ironic and laced with funky rhythms elsewhere.

Other opera companies should follow Glyndebourne's example and introduce children's work on their main stages for at least one week each year. It brings in a whole new audience, and the inspirational value for the youngsters involved could spark a lifelong passion. As for Misper, this is one new opera that shouldn't

THEATRE: Sue Glover's haunting play with themes ancient and modern

Sealed with a

n 1987 a play was put on in a room on the fifth floor of Wimbledon Theatre, almost under the dome, and Attic Theatre Co entered the London Fringe listings. Now in larger, more accessible premises at the side of the building. Attic celebrates its tenth anniversary with Sue Glover's haunting play, set on a Scottish coast where two sisters scour the beach for coal and a fisherman's son shoots seal pups for extra cash. Tangled jetsam is piled at

one corner of Alison Darke's design, the elements of a home at another, and the rest is a bare stretch where Dot and the simpler (but more perceptive) Cath trail their buckets. This is also where Alec fools around with his gun and a naked girl walks out of the sea, a bullet wound in her foot. Cath and Alec's mother

guess who, or rather what, she

is, though Glover allows neither of them to put it precisely into words. The nearest the play comes to stating what has happened is after Rona, the girl from the sea, gives birth to Alec's child and disappears:

Cath awkwardly, apologetically, mutters: "She was magic." This reliance on suggestion is one of the strengths of a play that marries the modern world with legend. Rona is, we can assume, a silkie, one of the race of seal-people able to change their shape, though I suspect the legends tell only of seal-women doing so.

The conflict that ensues after

fishy child The Seal Wife Wimbledon Studio

> Alec falls in love with the girl is over whether he shall continue to go after the seals. I could never quite decide if she also loves him, though if she doesn't I can see why she pretends. Just before their child is born he goes hunting again, ostensibly because they need money but chiefly because this is what men do. The closing scenes are charged with sorrow, no less sharp for

rects, applying an alert delica-cy that allows her cast to steal into their scenes like music. Lorna McDevitt's pale face and silky hair are physically right for Rona, and her performance moves between wholehearted involvement and moments of abstraction when her attention, perhaps her heart too, are elsewhere. Mark Bonnar brings pas-

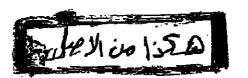
sion and amazement to the role of Alec. Persuasive playing also from Anne Kavanagh, the patient grandmother, and Alexa Kesselaar and Carolyn Bonnyman as the contrasting sisters whose beach-wandering enables them to act like a chorus to a tale of age-old

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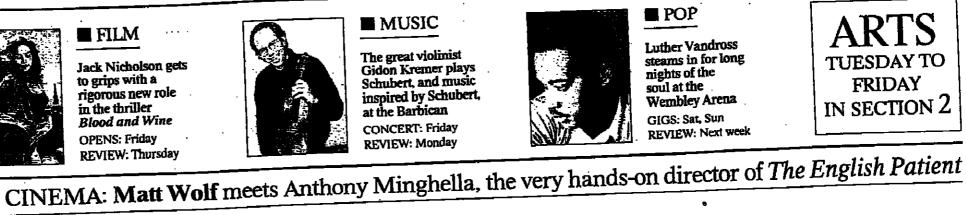
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Tribute to an old trouper

musician of his age and stature, George Malcolm is wellpractised at giving birthday concerts. The latest edition drew a capacity audience on the eve of his 80th birthday: surrounded on stage by an ssortment of musical friends. Malcolm nevertheless dominated with his piano and harpsichord playing.

Even in the long programme it was not possible to recall all his achievements. Besides his pioneering work on the modern harpsichord, he is best remembered for the bright style of choral singing he introduced to Westminster Cathedral during his time there as master of music.

His most distinguished guest on Thursday was Andras Schiff. Together they opened the programme with a cultivated, genial performance of Mozart's Piano Duet Sonata in C, K521. Malcolm may not possess all his former powers, but most of his risks paid off, and before the applause had finished he and Schiff were offering the unprogrammed Variations in G. K501. Their Mozart was more interesting than the Clarinet Quintet in A. K581, a great work given a pedestrian per-

THERE was a time when it seemed that Evan Dando, the

Lemonheads' singer, wanted

year's uneven but ultimately

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E HERAL

George Malcolm Wigmore Hall

Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Ensemble. The thin, wiry tone of the strings was only accentuated by Andrew Marriner's warm clarinet. But at least they gave Malcolm a chance to rest before he closed the first half with the tenor Ian Partridge in four Schubert Lieder.

A switch to the harpsichord found Malcolm accompanying the soprano Jennifer Smith: though a little wayward in Purcell's Evening Hymn, she sang Dido's Lament movingly. Along with Christopher Hirons (violin) and William Bennett (flute) he shared solo duties in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 5, and he played the cadenza with agility that belied his now frail appearance. It was an old-fashioned performance. but perhaps a reminder of how things were done in the Malcolm glory years.

JOHN ALLISON

stars, based on a Booker Prizewinning novel by the Canadian writer Michael Ondaatje that was distinctive largely for its evanescent, amorphous quality. Before its American release last November, the expectation was that the film might be a respectable com-mercial and critical also-ran to

Portrait of a Lady.

such heavyweight competitors

as The Crucible and The

t is difficult to imagine a

riskier project on paper than The English Patient, which had its

gala British premiere last night to benefit the Aids Crisis

Trust Here is a \$30 million film with no blockbusting

It is the way of Hollywood. however, to traffic in surprise, and no film success this season has been as startling as that of The English Patient. While both The Crucible and Portrait have more or less faded from view in America, and have racked up a scant four Oscar nominations be-tween them, The English Patient is up for no fewer than 12 Academy Awards and, even before its March 14 release in Britain, 13 Baftas. In January it took the top prize at the Golden Globe Awards.

The man rightly claiming the lion's share of the kudos is the writer-director Anthony Minghella, a former drama lecturer at Hull who estab-lished himself in the theatre more than a decade ago before shifting his attentions to film. His contribution to Patient. though, far surpasses either Truly Madly Deeply, the Juliet Stevenson-Alan Rickman film with which Minghella made his debut in 1991, or its littleseen successor, Mr Wonderful, which starred Matt Dillon as a New York electrical worker who falls for Mary-

Louise Parker. It is not just that those films cost £800,000 and \$9 million. Patient on to an altogether different plane. More significant than the budget is the fact that the new film reflects a director as comfortable with risuals as he is with words -'Can you do car chases, sand storms, battle scenes?" Minghella remembers being asked - who honours both the story's exotic vistas (pre-Secand World War Cairo and postwar Tuscany included) and the more disturbing interior landscape of the charac-

"patient" of the title. "I wanted a film that was ravishing, because the materi-

ters, including Ralph Fiennes

as the brutally disfigured

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"It left me an enormous space in which to do my own work": Anthony Minghella on Michael Ondaatje's Booker-winning The English Patient

The Lemonheads

to be in every hip rock band in town, except his own. It was Dublin almost impossible to go to a gig without seeing a disorienrated and dishevelled Dando sweat up and running. Close standing at the side of the up the Honky Tonks bemused the indie kids unaccustomed stage, armed with a tambourine and ready to pounce. to straightforward country Thankfully, Dando got himworkouts, but It's About Time, self back on the rails, and last Confetti and Into your Arms

Fine and Dando

helped to restore the momenthrilling comeback album. m. So far, so good. But Dando then chose to compendium of pop, rock and close the set with an excruciarcountry-flavoured songs that ing experiment involving a reminded us why Dando had mini keyboard and some disachieved star status in the first tortion pedals. A four-song place: to wit, his unusually solo stint as the encore calmed strong ear for melody, a voice the nerves, before Dando both fragile and self-assured. brought the band back to give and an ability to make the Gram Parsons's One Huncreative process seem effortdred Year's from Now the onceless. The throng of swoonsome over. It should have ended schoolgirls in front of the but, alas, Dando Olympia stage suggested another reason. Dando, with couldn't keep away from that damned keyboard. his mop of blond hair obscuring his perfectly chiselled fea-

This was the second gig of a 12-date Irish and UK tour. At times it was inspired - and now you know the right moments to go to the bar.

NICK KELLY

al is ravishing and intoxicating," says Minghella, speaking in his Hampstead home prior to embarking on the next leg of an international tour to promote the film that has kept him away from London in recent months.

ot, he says, that it was his intention to create a series of exquisite travel shots. "I made a pact with John Seale, the cinematographer, and production designer Stuart Craig [both. Minghella, nominated for Oscars that we would never invest in the landscape. There is no shot in the film which begins on some gargeous scenery or bit of architecture. We were interested only in that activity generated by charac-

ter which requires you to look beyond an elbow or a neck. Minghella is no less articulate about the challenges

posed by Ondaatje's book. hat is so mesmeric about the novel is that there is no narrative, no real interest in psychology." he says. "All there is is this collection of images. Its fabric is like gauze and, as you approach it, it recedes. You try to pick it up and it goes through your lingers, which left me an enormous space in which to do

my own work." On this occasion the director insisted on being his own writer, having discovered what it was like not to have full control of both areas on Mr Wonderful (although he had a hand in the finished script). Minghella compares directing

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material he has not written to "trying to work with one arm behind your back".

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Of scripting Patient he says that "the camera is so prosaic that the film required a full frame, a much denser architecture than the novel. I suppose there's a certain literalness to the way I've done

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the screenplay -- although, in relation to other screenplays. it's wild." What doesn't "leak from the

page", he says, is exactly what has made the film a hit: "The e of turmoil and passion I knew would be there in the film and in the performances. It's a much hotter document as a film than it was as a screenplay." At its core is "a man literally burnt by love,

of toughness to it."

I passionately believe in damaged by love. I wanted this violent, molten centre so the film would have some kind

As Minghella awaits Oscar night, and anticipates such future projects as a Patricia Highsmith adaptation for Sydney Pollack, he can take pride in having persisted with The English Patient after the first studio to accept it pulled

out, largely because of qualms over casting. "This is the absolute expression of how I want to work as a filmmaker," says Minghella. He allies himself to "the Italian shelf of film-making - he cites Fellini and the brothers - rather than the English or American one. "My taste doesn't always correspond to the austerity of the English school

The English Patient," he says. "It's about something, it has something to say, it rewards some scrutiny, and I don't want it to disappear." On its way to further prizes and an expected gross in excess of \$100 million, the film, and its director, both look here to stay. • Your chance to see The English Patient first. See page 39

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Sotheby's must show it is clean

Peter Watson wants to see

the auction house put in order

tional auction house, announced at the end of last week that George Gordon. number two in its Old Masters department in London, had been cleared by an internal inquiry of any complicity in the smuggling of an 18th-century Italian painting by Giuseppe Nogari, and that he was no longer under suspension. He had been taken off his duties following a Channel 4 Dispatches programme on February 6, entitled "Sotheby's Under the Hammer". and publication of my book. Sotheby's: Inside Story, serialised in The Times.

The news about Mr Gordon came on the day after it was confirmed that the Italian police are seeking to interview former Sotheby's employees through Scotland Yard, including Felicity Nicholson, director of the antiquities department. Had the internal inquiry found against Mr Gordon, it would have been a clear indication that the traffic in Old Masters out of Italy. like the traffic in antiquities out of Italy and India, was known about and condoned by

senior staff in London. Sotheby's has some way to go, however, before it convinces me that it is setting its house in order. Since the programme was broadcast, I have met no one who believes that this episode was an isolated

must not be allowed to case, as the comforestall the pany has tried to external maintain. There are three specific matscrutiny ters which Sotheby's must address.

setting up an independent inquiry, consisting of the company's independent directors and outside lawyers, if an internal inquiry exonerates Mr Gordon before the independent inquiry has had a chance to get going? On what grounds did the internal inquiry reach its conclusions? Until we know that, doubts will continue to linger over Sotheby's real desire to clean up its act.

Secondly, this is all the more true when set against the evidence presented about Mr Gordon in the programme and the book. Mr Gordon's language, his body language, the alacrity with which he accepted the painting when we delivered it, and the absence of any questions on his part about the picture, were all strong indications that he knew exactly where the Nogari was coming from. We were told repeatedly by his colleague in Milan, Mr Kollewiin (who has resigned), that Mr Gordon was the only person to deal with. Mr Kollewijn told us more than once that Mr Gordon knew the whole story. "He knows the story." he said, referring to Mr Gordon, "although he will

Mr Gordon may not have broken any English laws, but if Kollewijn was right he acquiesced in the breaking of Italian law, and Sotheby's and the British Antique Dealers Association Code of Conduct, which states that signatories should not deal in objects which they know to have been illegally excavated and/or ille-

otheby's, the interna- gally exported from their tional auction house, an-Conduct is clearly not worth the paper it is written on.

The third matter is the claim by Mrs D.D. Brooks, Sotheby's chief executive worldwide, that the company is now under new management and that, by implication at least, things will be different from

Sotheby's management is not as new as Mrs Brooks is trying to make out. She herself has worked for the company since the late 1970s, before Mr Alfred Taubman took control, and has held senior positions since the mid 1980s. Several people incriminated in the documents on which Dispatches and my book were based are still in positions of authority in the company. At least two of them, Brendan Lynch and Oliver Forge. have been promoted since Mrs Brooks took over as chief

On top of this, another document, leaked to me but not used in my book, shows that Sotheby's has been in a similar position before, when it behaved in a most revealing

In the mid 1980s, auction house practices came under scrutiny following a series of scandals, An internal mainly in America, inquiry

and inquiries were announced by both the Department of in New York and the Department of Trade and Industry in London. As part of its response, Sotheby's then - as now - brought in

First, what is the point of legal help from outside. On that occasion, it enlisted Mr Sam Stamler, an eminent QC now dead. He gave his opinion to eight questions put to him by Sotheby's about auction practices. Question five was the crux. It concerned "fictitious bidding" (or "chandelier bidding", as it is sometimes

Part of his report reads:
"It was conceded at Sorbet" Sotheby's auctioneers knowingly take fictitious bids in order to induce the making of higher genuine bids and thereby to enhance the price; the effects of the taking of fictitious bids is to achieve a better price than that which would have been achieved without the practice. As the representations were false to the knowledge of the auctioneers, this was sufficient to make the practice fraud, in the civil sense, and obtaining money by deception (contrary to Section 16 of the Theft Act 1968) for criminal purposes."

The document even went on to argue that customers of Sotheby's — and other auction houses, of course — might have a case for damages, or even have sales annulled, if such a system were publicly acknowledged. But Mr Stamler's advice was hardly broadcast from Sotheby's rooftops. The report was buried.

This time, it must be different. The independent inquiry should not only make its findings public, but should reveal the evidence and think-ing behind those findings. Anything less will leave a

The Labour leader is on a winning streak, but British politics now depends on Europe

Before the Wirral by-election I wrote that a Labour majority of more than 6,000 would indicate a landslide victory at the general election, but the Conservatives would be in serious trouble if their vote fell below 15,000 and that the target for Labour was 20,000. All these conditions to the conditions the conditions that the target for Labour was 20,000. tions have been met. The most likely result for the general election is now a landslide victory for Labour. Whether the overall Labour majority will be 100, 150, 200 or 250 is important, particularly in terms of the internal dynamics of the Labour Party, but cannot be predicted from the Wirral result. No one knows what impact the campaign itself will have, but it is now likely that Labour is going to win the election with a majority that will

last comfortably through the next

Most people think that the Tories have been in power too long; apart from that, there seemed to be three main reasons for Labour's huge lead. One is the failure of John Major's European policy, which was based on membership of the exchange-rate mechanism, the Treaty of Maastricht and the close relationship with Chancellor Kohl's Germany. The others are public concern on social issues of health and education, and public support for the way Tony Blair has led the new Labour Party. I doubt if the Conservatives of Wirral South would have switched to Labour on anything like the same scale if John Smith had still been the leader; they would still have feared the policies of the old Labour Party, even though John Smith was right-wing in those terms. Tony Blair has changed the whole character of his party: there are plenty of resentful old Labour supporters to show how much pain he has been willing to cause. The big election victory that is now probable will give him the power of patronage and cement his authority, but it will also bring into Parliament a number

So can Blair win a second term?

of true believers in old Labour. If his government falters, but only if it falters, he will need to watch his back.

The Labour Party has formed seven administrations this century. under four Prime Ministers, but it has never had two full terms of office in succession. Obviously the first test for Tony Blair will be victory at this general election; only two Labour leaders, Attlee and Wilson, have ever won an overall majority. Yet Tony Blair must already be thinking of the election after next. If he wins in 1997, even by a large majority, but loses in 2001 or 2002, nothing much will have been changed. There will have been another unsuccessful experiment in Labour government, this time a centrist one, and the Conservatives will then have come back as the natural party of government. The historic election may be the one after next.

If Tony Blair can persuade the British electorate that the Labour Party has been able to deliver good government, he will probably get two terms, whatever the Conservatives do. If he is as successful in national leadership as he has so far been in party leadership, people will feel a new degree of confidence. It will not then be thought to be time for a change, any more than it was in 1983 for Margaret Thatcher's Government. It may not make much difference whom the Conservatives choose as their leader. Apart from Margaret Thatcher, who was protected from ever losing a general election by her

ever-loyal lieutenant Geoffrey Howe, all the great party leaders have been defeated by strong tides of public opinion. Gladstone, Disraeli, Lloyd George and Churchill all suffered big defeats at one time or another. It will be in the hands of Tony Blair, not of any Tory leader. whether Labour wins in 2002. By 2006 or 2007, the public may well have become bored with Labour, but that is another matter.

The new Labour strategists have been studying how Bill Clinton won

William Rees-Mogg

his second term in the United States. Clinton has owed a part of his success to a tactic which Tony Blair has also followed: never give the other party an issue to exploit. But the two men's personalities are very different. Clinton has been a genius in electioneering, a mediocrity as President, and seems rather horrible as a man. Tony Blair is none of these things. He is not Bill Clinton's equal in the Oprah Winfrey-style of chummy-yummy electioneering; he is an honest man: as Prime Minister he will seek to be a serious policymaker and not merely a poll-follower. It now looks as though

the Clinton presidency will do more long-term damage than good to its party, as Harold Wilson's prime ministerships did to Labour.

John Major is close to failure because he lost his way in the bogs of Europe and never found his way out. The divisions of opinion among Tory leaders has done much to destroy public confidence, but the real problem has been that John Major himself did not know which path led to safety — if any of them did — and which would lead him into the fate of Dr Foster, who "fell in a puddle, right up to his middle, and never went there again". Europe has not only enmired John Major's administration; it split Wilson's Government, and caused the political assassination of Margaret Thatcher. It must now be the biggest threat to Tony Blair's sec-ond term, and could easily prove the

decisive issue of the election of 2002. Tony Blair may enjoy some more favourable political opportunities in Europe. He has excellent relations with the European Social Democrats; they are already in government in Rome: they are the favourites to win the next French Assembly elections in March 1998. They could conceivably win the next German elections in the autumn of 1998: Gerhard Schroder. who prefers the mark to the euro, is likely to be their candidate for Chancellor. The continental Social Democrats may be brought to power because of public anger at Europe's post-Maastricht level of unemploy-

ment. In such circumstances, all the European political cards would have been reshuffled and redealt, much to Tony Blair's benefit. In financial policy, Gordon Brown

is committed to very tight control of expenditure and to avoiding higher taxes, including any increase in the top rate of income tax. He can still claw back some quite major tax exemptions, though at a cost. If the Blair government fails to keep its tax promises, he will have no second term; that would give the Tory opposition the big issue it will need to get itself restarted. Yet expenditure on health and education will be hard to control. The Labour Party is committed to shorter hospital waiting lists and smaller class sizes; these are expensive in terms of nurses and teachers. The Labour Party is unfortunately opposed to anything that even looks like the powerful privatisation of health or education. So there will be no money for these purposes from the private sector.

At this stage, the problem of social spending and tax looks insoluble, but there are glimmers of hope in the politics of Europe. Yet I doubt whether Tony Blair can win a second term if Helmut Kohl is still Chancellor of Germany in 2002; Kohl destroyed Margaret Thatcher; he has virtually destroyed John Major, who wanted to be his friend. He will greet Tony Blair with the giant's cry: "Fe. fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman" — though he will of

course say it in German. In any case, Tony Blair will not be able to win his second term by any deal with the Liberals. Not if he wants power. Proportional representation must be their price, and that would split the Labour Party. He has already won back most of the Social Democrats; the old Liberal vote is crabbed, cranky, awkward and dangerous. He should leave that to Paddy Ashdown's successor.

The changing of the guard

Peter Riddell

says the election will shake the political frame

— whoever wins

The British political system is about to experience a seismic shock on a scale only seen three or four times before this century. However much a Labour victory is now expected, however much the Blair team tries to prepare for office, I don't think anyone really appreciates how much of a shock a change of government will be.

The shock will be less in policy, where Labour leaders have recogon their freedom of manoeuvre, than in having a new team in charge, fresh faces and approaches after 18 years. It is not just that a Blair government would be the most inexperienced since Ramsay MacDonald's in 1924. As important is that all of us in the political world -- MPs, civil servants. journalists, lobbyists and businessmen - have become so accustomed to the Tories' ways of thinking and behaving.
This was brought home to me the

other day by a senior civil servant friend whom I bumped into walking across St James's Park for lunch. All the formal preparations were going ahead, he said: contacts between the Permanent Secretary and the Shadow spokesman, option papers were being drafted, and the retired Permanent Secretary had quietly been giving advice to Labour at Templeton College and at private seminars. But what worried the civil servant was how Whitehall had become so used to serving Tory ministers. Certain responses have become instinctive: when submissions are written, some options are automatically excluded and others included. That would take time to change. Moreover, virtually no civil servant under the age of 40 had ever worked with a Labour



minister, and that now includes many in key policymaking roles.

The same applies in business, journalism and politics. A whole generation has grown up familiar only with a Tory government. After the next election, fewer than 100 MPs out of 659 will have any experience. however brief, of Labour in office. That includes just 40 Labour MPs, or less than one in eight, and possibly fewer, of the parliamentary party if Labour has a working majority. Only half of the Shadow Cabinet - the likely Cabinet after May 1 - were in the Commons before 1979, and just five members have held even junior office. That does not include any of the probable most senior ministers.

Arriving in Whitehall will be an enormous shock. Tony Blair has begun to appreciate the force of what may hit him in nine weeks' time - if RIDDELL ON MONDAY

only from the way he is being treated as a potential Prime Minister by the business, diplomatic and Civil Service Establishment. While cautious of taking the election for granted, he is talking of giving a strong strategic lead from Downing Street, with a re-vamped policy unit. But Mr Blair is rightly dismissive of talk about the 'first 100 days of government", with all its echoes of Kennedy in 1961 and. in an ersatz form, Wilson in 1964. Such hype usually means bad government and actions that are later regretted.

Many of his colleagues are less pre-pared. Labour has become practised and adept at opposition, but that mainly involves taking up positions. issuing press releases and devising

soundbites. It is about words, not decisions. Many spokesmen are still addicted to the gesture politics of opposition. Government is more demanding. It means saying no, and reconciling an instinctive desire to spend with tight Treasury constraints. A running story later this year will probably be the gaffes and errors of new Labour ministers. though they may not be as raw as those in the MacDonald Government in 1924: one, according to the Dalton diaries, asked a senior official to recommend a nearby bed-sitting room, while the Secretary for War

had his wife sitting in his own office.

The election will also be a big shock on the Tory side, however much most MPs and ministers may be making preparations for opposition. Many ministers assume what they are doing is right merely because they

are in office. However, travelling by Tube, rather than in a ministerial car, will be a quick cure for ministerialitis. Defeat will mean not only a changing of generations at the top of the party, but also a fierce ideological battle. However, the experience of the Republicans since they lost the White House in 1992 shows that opposition is much overrated as a means of re-

thinking a party's approach. A change of government will also mean a loss of influence for those businessmen and advisers who have prospered under the Tories. Just as beer and sandwiches at Downing Street ended for union leaders in May 1979, so Maurice Saatchi, Tim Bell and their ilk could be on the outside after this May. Their replacements will come from the chattering rather than the labouring classes, and despite Mr Blair's distike of talk of a new Camelot, the self-appointed groupies are already preparing.

n even greater shock would come if the Tories won again. It would not be the same again, as after earlier victories. Mr Major would have, and deserve, his moment of triumph, but it might not last long. Many of his critics have kept quiet since the leadership contest of July 1995 only because of the approach of the election. They have been planning for opposition and would not keep quiet in government. Tory tensions would soon appear.

Labour would have no excuses after a fifth defeat. In 1992, Mr Blair could argue that Labour had not changed enough. But now he is offering the ultimate change: a new party. In defeat, there would be a reaction against Blairism. The party might well split perhaps mirroring Tory divisions. The Blairites find the idea of defeat too horrible to contemplate.

Paradoxically. British politics could face even bigger shocks if the Tories won a fifth term than if there is a new government on May 1. In either event, policy may change less than the parties claim, but the political world — with all its familiar attitudes and networks - is about to be shaken to the core. We are all going to have to look at politics afresh.

Sweet revenge

AFTER the defeat against France on Saturday, there is some consolation for English rugby fans from the Palace of Westminster. The combined Lords and Commons XV thrashed their French counterparts by 55 points to 18. The annual fixture against the



John Rodd in 1963

under floodlights at the London Irish ground as a curtain-raiser to the big five nations' clash at

The decisive blow in the hardfought match was delivered after a magical move between Treasury minister Phillip Oppenheim in the centre and the former Scottish international Lord Rennell At 61 he may have lost half a yard of pace since his glory days as John Rodd, when he won 14 caps, but he is still a winger to be reckoned

A breathless Oppenheim takes up commentary: "I flipped it to Lord Rennell, looped outside, burst the tackle and then ran in the try from 60 yards out. It was some move for a back division pairing with a combined age of 101, especially when you consider the average age of the French team is about 30."

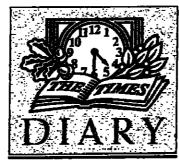
As is traditional on these occasions, the French - perhaps remembering the 1992 fixture when a House of Commons chef was sent off for cuffing an opponent - were not gracious in defeat: they refused to attend an official lunch that had been arranged for the following day.

Punch Editor Paul Spike is already stamping his authority over his new empire. Less than a week into his reign he has dis-pensed with Sir Peregrine Worsthorne and his column about the media: "I'm not particularly happy about it," a phlegmatic Worsthorne tells me from his Buckinghamshire retreat, "but Spike is rejigging the magazine. He's got to do something with it, and he has the right name for the job, after

China towns

THE MYSTERIES of Chinese pronunciation proved too much for executives at the BBC last week as they hurriedly dispatched correspondents to China following the death of Deng Xiaoping. Foreign affairs man David Loyn was sent to film mourners at Deng's birthplace, a city by the name of Chengdu in the Sichuan Province,

southwest China. Annoyingly for the hapless Loyn, it wasn't until after touching down in a similarly pronounced place spelt Qingdao, a Chinese beach resort almost 1,000 miles from Chengdu, that he realised

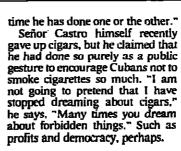


something was awry. Forty-eight hours later, Loyn and his sulking camera crew limped into Chengdu to get down to work.

Smokescreen

FIDEL CASTRO was charging \$500 a plate at his open-air dinner to mark the 30th anniversary of the Cohiba, often ranked as the greatest of all Havana cigars.

Enjoying himself immensely amid the capitalist throng, Castro took a few jabs in his speech at President Clinton, who has spoken of giving up cigars at the urging of his wife. "Clinton likes cigars." said the Cuban dictator, "but Hillary has forbidden it." After a pause he added, to laughter: "That, and other things, I imagine. And I also think that perhaps from time to



■ Jack Charlton, honorary Irishman and former manager of the Republic's soccer team remains unflappable. He was one of 200 guests at a recent Middlesbrough Football Club dinner when the first



alarm. After a false alarm was con-firmed, the diners returned to find a solitary Charlton dunking his bread in his soup.

course was interrupted by a fire

Enid and Eva

ANOTHER "It Girl", perhaps brighter than most, is writing a book. Eva Rice, the 22-year-old lead singer in the Etonian band the Replicant Saints, is to compile an anthology of Enid Blyton characters to mark the author's centenary this year.

Eva's major qualification is a lifelong devotion to the squeaky author's work, inspired by her father, the lyricist and broadcaster Sir Tim Rice. "Dad was passionate about the St Clare series," she remem-bers. "We particularly liked Claudine, who used to lock her matron in the tuck-shop,"

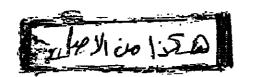
Sadly, not all of Blyton's bedtime creations quite measure up in 1997: Some of the characters are rather risky," she adds. "There's a particularly politically incorrect one called Dame Slap, who goes around spanking people.

Dolly Parton, the up-front and energetic country and western singer, is delighted to hear that scientists named the world's first cloned



Parton: flattered

sheep after her. "She was called Dolly because she came from mammary tissue," said the straightfaced chief executive of PPL Therapeutics last week. Parton, who is currently in Los Angeles, is anything but troubled: "Even though it's controversial I'm honoured. There's no such thing as haaaaaad publicity," she says.



THIN RED LINE

On defence, Labour is less to be trusted than the Tories

The prospectus Labour offers voters in this election becomes more precise and detailed with every week that passes. There are few secrets left in the party's cupboard. The great exception is defence, on which the public can only guess at Labour's true intentions. David Clark, the unwarriorlike Shadow

Defence spokesman, takes pride in the claim - indignantly denied by the Tories - that there is now broad consensus between the two parties on defence strategy. But that may be no guide to the future, simply a reflection of the fact that Labour, judging this to be impregnable Tory territory, has thought it prudent since the last election to take as its motto "if you can't beat them, join them". If the consensus were genuine, there would be no need for the full-scale strategic defence review which Labour intends to complete within six months of taking office.

Labour has announced no agenda for this review beyond saying that it will be "foreign policy led", but admits it could have "painful consequences". Tony Blair charges that the Government's Treasury-driven cuts have left the military overstretched as never before and that since Labour will not reverse these cuts, it must set priorities. But Labour declines to say what it would cut. This is difficult to reconcile with Mr Blair's promise of

"a period of stability" for the Armed Forces. This they badly need, after seven years of restructuring and cost-cutting. This is what the Government has promised, on the ground that British defence doctrine and force structures have completed their adaptation to the post-Cold War world. The Tories have added the pledge that although commitments will continue to be kept under rolling review, there will be no further cuts to the front line. Michael Portillo also insists that current spending levels of around £21 billion a year are "about right". The military, mindful of the Treasury's appetite, are bound to treat that assertion with some scepticism. But far more dubious is Mr Blair's claim that his planned "modernisation" is not a cover for further steep budget cuts. Labour's pledge to maintain spending levels is, after all, good only for the next two years

orders which are still in the pipeline. The Tories are clear that Britain's defence posture must reflect the global character of its interests and that this requires the maintenance of an all-round military capability. On this, Labour is ambiguous, but all signs point to a narrower range of tasks and capabilities. There is no slack to play with in defence and security of the realm, which includes the heavy burden in Northern Ireland. Labour plans to increase Britain's contribution to UN peacekeeping. That leaves only one major target for a review: Britain's contribution to Nato.

Labour has officially abandoned the party conference policy of cutting spending to the Western European average, but sees merit in more role-sharing, leaving Nato allies to shoulder an unspecified range of tasks. A Labour review could well decide to repatriate Britain's remaining armoured division in Germany, on the ground that German forces could repel any foreseeable attack. This would save Labour money only if it then cut Britain's armoured capability, which is what most analysts expect. The greatest cost, however, would be to the credibility of Britain's commitment to Nato which in turn, and more importantly, would weaken US resolve to sustain, alone in Nato,

a foreign military presence on German soil. Labour's luck is that defence has a lower profile in this election than in any since the war. However hard the Tories press Labour to come clean about its plans, the party may get away with replying that it must not prejudge its promised review. But on defence, Labour has no credibility to bank and the more evasive it is, the more certain it must be that defence will be first in the firing line as Gordon Brown battles to stay within overall Tory spending plans. The generation of Labour frontbenchers with military experience has disappeared. Mr Blair may, as he says, consider the Armed Forces "a national asset to be treasured", but there is a dearth of martial instincts in the Shadow Cabinet. compounded by ignorance of the military. A Tory Defence Secretary can always threaten a backbench revolt against cuts; with Lab-- and has not included major procurement our, the opposite would be true.

SPEAK YOUR MIND

Debate would be good for democracy and John Major

Major will engage Tony Blair in a series of ity is dominated by the American experihowever: are the norm in the ence Debates Western world. Westminster democracies such as Australia, Canada and New Zealand all have them. Many European nations do as well. There are three decent arguments against them in Britain. The first is that they make our politics appear presidential when they are parliamentary. The second is that they would trivialise matters. The third is that they would utterly alter the nature of modern campaigns. Of these only the third has any validity.

Britain does not have a presidential system. But it is nonsense to claim that it is exclusively parliamentary either. The quality of political leadership is fundamental to policy outcome. Anyone who doubts that should ponder the difference that Tony Blair rather than Neil Kinnock will make to Labour's prospects this time. The charge of trivialisation is especially peculiar. In the United States and increasingly for Britain, it is the conventional campaign that is all too often trivial - dominated by spin-doctors and ten-second soundbites. A debate, by contrast, forces the candidates to tackle a multitude of issues, without any assistance, in the full glare of television cameras. They are by far the most searching experience any contender encounters.

The only valid concern lies in how campaigning would be altered. The prospect of debate will unquestionably dominate this election. It may well overshadow all other

Speculation rages about whether John aspects of the campaign. The soapbox could be demoted as the respective leaders election debates. Discussion of this possibil- rehearse, perform and then promote their case. That may be true in 1997, but would be electoral life. It is not an irrelevant objection. However, it was probably made inevitable once Parliament allowed its proceedings to

If debates would be good for democracy, should they appeal to Mr Major? Many of his in-house team raise objections to Paddy Ashdown, whom they would not like included. Only two criteria should be employed. They can argue that only those who have a realistic chance of becoming Prime Minister are included, in which case Mr Ashdown should be left out. Or those who have the theoretical chance should take part in the debates, in which case Sir James Goldsmith and the Natural Law Party are entitled to their shout.

Mr Major should challenge Mr Blair alone and arrangements should be made to accommodate that. All the other objections are essentially procedural, relating to the detailed conduct of the encounters. The Conservatives should be willing to negotiate upon them. Mr Major and his party have argued for three years that new Labour has hidden the details of its policies and has no substance to its philosophy.

If that is true, the Prime Minister should be able to damage him in a prolonged discussion. If, despite that message, he refuses to take up Mr Blair's offer of televised battle, voters are entitled to draw their own conclusions.

ALBANIA AFLAME

The West can no longer ignore its poorest little nation

Europe's poorest country is aflame. Rioters have looted shops, seized weapons, stormed barracks and set fire to town halls, banks and police stations in impoverished towns across Albania as fury with President Berisha and his Government exploded on the streets. Dozens have been killed and injured. The police have run away, freed convicts are roaming the streets and mob rule is threatening to degenerate into civil war.

Anger has been gathering for two months since the collapse of fraudulent pyramid schemes in which almost a third of the population had invested. President Berisha, hesitant and uncertain how to respond, has promised to reimburse the tens of thousands left destitute by the loss of their life savings. But few believe him. Several of those who ran the schemes were close to the President, who is widely suspected of tolerating the fraud, giving free rein to the Mafia mobsters manipulating popular naivety and allowing funds to be siphoned off to his Democratic Party. In an attempt to regain the initiative, he sacked Aleksander Meksi, his Prime Minister, at the weekend, and promised to form a

government acceptable to the opposition. It may now be too late for Mr Berisha. The former surgeon, a staunch anti-Communist who has given his country its first taste of freedom and Europe's highest growth rate, may be overwhelmed by Albania's poverty

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and old totalitarian ways. Though an intelligent democrat, he has been tainted by accusations of fraud in the recent parliamentary elections. Today he must announce whether he will formally stand for reelection as President: a foregone conclusion that has only added to the frustration of the demonstrators, who see no legitimate way to hold his Government to account.

It was too much to hope that Albania would emerge unscathed from one of Europe's longest and most brutal dictatorships. The miracle has been that until now there has been relatively little bloodshed or political vengeance. It is true that thousands of desperate Albanians have tried to flee to Italy or Greece to escape the numbing poverty. But President Berisha was still the country's best hope - until the pyramid fraudsters turned a deceived nation against everything represented by reform.

Albania's friends have been slow to realise the danger. Aid has been niggardly. The Italians and others have not done enough to curb the infiltration of the Mafia. And Europe, which virtually forgot the small nation during its self-imposed isolation, has concentrated on other Balkan disasters. If Mr Berisha is engulfed by the chaos and the opposition Democratic Forum, controlled by the former Communists, triumphs, the West may regret its nonchalance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Doubts on use of criminal records

From the Chief Executive of the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services

Sir, Part V of the Police Bill sets up a national Criminal Records Agency which will provide checks on criminal records upon request. The highest level of check, the "enhanced" check, is expected to cost in the region of EIO and will include all information held by the police about the applicant.

This proposal is extremely worrying to the 135 voluntary youth organisations and charities represented by the NCVYS. Although the proposed "enhanced" checks will not be mandatory, our members will certainly be expected by parents, insurers and the public to provide evidence of the maxi-

mum level of checking. The checks will be useful, but they are no substitute for the child-protection policies and measures which most organisations already apply, and the huge costs which they will incur will mean that the future operations of some of our members will be seriously threatened.

The Government's suggestion of passing the costs on to the volunteers themselves is likely to prove a very great disincentive to volunteering, as well as going against good working practice.

Yours sincerely, SUSANNE RAUPRICH, Chief Executive, National Council for Voluntary Youth Services, The Peel Centre, Percy Circus, WCI. February 26.

From the Chair of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation

Sir. Home Office research shows that one in three of men under 40 years old has a conviction for a criminal offence; 34 per cent to be precise. It is also commonly known that, out of all the possible incentives to offenders to become ex-offenders, finding a job is the most effective. This is why many involved with the resettlement of offenders question the use of criminal conviction certificates, as proposed under the Police Bill.

Under the legislation any employer can require an applicant to purchase a criminal conviction certificate (for about 56) from the proposed Criminal Records Agency and submit it as part of their application.

Our fear is that many employers will indiscriminately use these certificates as a means of shortlisting and selecting for vacancies, thus systematically excluding anyone with a record. Employers will rule out many suitable applicants, and prospective employees, especially young men, will find themselves repeatedly denied access to the labour market, regardless of their efforts to put their criminal past behind them.

For many of the latter the likelihood will be that the ennul of enforced idleness, the frustration of exclusion from a working life, and the bleak prospect of living on £46 per week will all make the temptations of crime seem worth re examining. As it stands, this part of the Rill will increase crime and do little to assist hard-pressed employers find the right person for the job.

Yours faithfully, LINDA JONES. Chair, Association of Chief Officers of Probation, 212 Whitechapel Road, El. February 26.

Cost of exams

From Mrs A. J. Young Sir, Maybe the £15 charge on Latin and Greek A-level candidates (letters, February 211 should be condemned. but this amount is small compared with the examination costs now being incurred by many parents of A-level students. With the advent of modular A-level examinations students are allowed to retake modules and they or their parents have to foot the bill.

A student taking three modular A levels, each comprising six modules with up to four possible retakes at present, might have to pay for 12 examinations. Perhaps the traditional twoyear course, culminating in a free exam, wasn't such a bad idea.

Yours sincerely. A. J. YOUNG. Purcell Avenue. Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Caught on the Net

From Mr Benedict Reid

Sir. Today I visited the impressive White House Internet site which is updated every few hours and contains lors of information on current news.

I then progressed to the 10 Downing Street site and was surprised to encounter Christmas trees and a message saying: "A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year from No. 10." Further surfing revealed that the latest update on the site was on Decem-

At a time when technology in education is apparently an important election issue, perhaps John Major should get his message updated and join the rest of us in 1997.

Yours faithfully. BENEDICT RÉID. Bower House. Bowerland Lane, Chilham, Kent. February 27.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Nato's future and Russian concerns

From Dr Leszek Kolakowski and others

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Sir, One of the main arguments against Nato enlargement, recently repeated in your pages (leading artide, February 17; see also letters, February 10, 12, 17), is that this would upset the Russians, feed their phobias and fears of isolation, and that, as a result, sinister "hardliners" would gain the upper hand and again threaten world peace: so let's do nothing to weaken the position of the moderates currently in power.

This argument is all too familiar from the history of the West's dealings with the Soviet Union: don't talk about human rights, let alone support the Poles, Hungarians or Czechs when they try to loosen the dog-collar, because this might weaken sensible Mr Brezhnev (Andropov, etc) and bring some really dangerous hard-liner to power. Indeed, taking this to its logical extreme, one could argue that moderates have always and everywhere been in power, since one can always imagine a worse ruler. Trotsky might have been more brutal than Stalin; a dictator of Iraq worse than the present one is conceivable.

The outcomes in Russian politics depend only to a small degree on the policy of the West, and are unpredictable. After all, Gorbachev emerged after five years of hardline, confrontational policy by the West. Yet the main reasons for his emergence lay inside the Soviet Union itself. To think it depends on us is the classic hubris of Western policy. Wrong then, wrong

Russian politicians have neither any right to prevent their neighbours' neighbours joining a defensive alliance of democracies nor any reason to lear that this would threaten the security of their country in any way. Does anyone suppose that, say, the Polish and Czech armies, helped by Nato weapons, are going to invade Russia?

No country is imperalist forever by the immutable nature of its soul, and we see grounds for hoping that a democratic Russia will not resume the expansionism which has characterised most of its modern history. Of course, there has to be an important place for Russia in the arrangements for European security. Certainly, there are real worries about the implications of Nato enlargement for the Baltic states and Ukraine. But this particular, hoary old argument against ever doing anything to upset the rulers in Moscow should finally be laid to rest.

Yours etc, LESZEK KOLAKOWSKI, NORMAN DAVIES, JONATHAN EYAL TIMOTHY GARTON ASH, c/o 77 Hamilton Road, Oxford. February 26.

From Mr Oliver Miles

Sir, Sir Brian Cartledge (letter, February 26) implies that the process of change through which Russia is passing is outside our power to influence; all we can do is to erect a "stop" sign

on the road from Russia to the West. I suggest that the dynamics of the situation are quite different; while we cannot and indeed should not try to control Russia, our actions will influence the balance of forces there.

The aim of our security policy for Europe should be, without lowering our military guard, to strengthen those elements in Russia which will work for the harmonious inclusion of Russia in a European system, and to avoid feeding those who exploit xenophobia and interpret our policies as a determination to isolate them. There is a parallel with the way Germany was handled after 1945, learning from the lessons of 1918, by inclusion and not by exclusion.

The weakness of the policy of Nato expansion is demonstrated by the difficult case of the three Baltic states. They too have endured a dreadful Calvary, they too feel threatened by Russia, and perhaps with more immediate justification than the Central Europeans. Yet it is not seriously contemplated that they will be included in Nato expansion. Inclusion would endanger their security, not enhance it.

The same is true of Central Europe. I agree with Sir Brian that there is a debt to be paid to the Poles, Hungarians and Czechs: it can be paid through the enlargement of the European Union.

Our consideration of security should be concentrated where it belongs: on Russia.

Yours faithfully. OLIVER MILES (British Ambassador to Greece, 1993-96). 2 Belbroughton Road, Oxford. February 26.

Bank and Parliament Dowding medals

From Lord Dowding

Sir, Your report of February 7 on the forthcoming sale at auction of the medals of Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding stated: "It is understood that the medals have been with Spink for more than two years while the family decided whether they should be sold."

As present head of the family I can say unequivocally that the family as a whole has not been consulted in this matter and that if I had been consulted, I would not have agreed to the proposed sale. In fact I am horrified.

These medals should stay in Britain. There is a suggestion that they might fetch £60,000 at auction and go to a museum in the US. If I had the money I would buy them back and donate them to somewhere like the Imperial War Museum or RAF Cran-

Lord Dowding happens to have been my grandfather, but he was grandfather to all of us alive in Britain today. Surely his medals belong to Britain to show future generations what we are capable of when we put our hearts and minds to a task.

Yours respectfully, PIERS DOWDING. House of Lords. March 2.

Cancer therapies

From Mr D. J. Grocott

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford ("To treat or not to treat", February 20) reports that "no such treatment" as neutron therapy in the treatment of prostate cancer is available in Britain. This is

Neutron therapy was pioneered at the Hammersmith Hospital in Lon-don. The results were sufficiently interesting that they inspired doctors in centres around the world to see if they could be matched to the advantage of their patients.

Controversy in Britain, based on the severity of side effects arising from poorly focused beams from older technology, reached a pitch in 1989 and virtually doomed a neutron initiative with modern equipment before it started.

However, that new technology and clinical expertise has led to the excellent results in the United States reported by Dr Jeffrey Forman to the meeting at London's Royal College of Radiologists. It is always difficult to change one's mind, but positions adopted eight years ago must be reviewed in the light of fresh data.

The United States data is now maturing at ten years. The time is now right to make this treatment available in Britain, to the benefit of the one in 12 men who will develop this disease.

Yours faithfully, DON GROCOTT (Director, The Cyclotron Trust for Cancer Treatment), Mulberry Tree Cottage, 56 Bridge Street, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. February 24.

From Mr Leolin Price, QC

Sir, The constitutional government of our country is not served by any move towards independence for the Bank of England (reports, February 26).

A truly independent central bank would necessarily make decisions which are governmental in character and importance. Whoever makes such decisions is and ought to be subject to the discipline of explaining and justifying them to our elected representatives in Parliament.

If he loses their confidence he must resign. If on the particular issue the loss of confidence extends to the whole government, it too must resign. A truly independent central bank is

not compatible with our constitutional arrangements. Our government is government in Parliament and not by naccountable gnomes. And pseudoindependence, however presented and formalised, will be an excuse for pretending that for some vitally import-ant governmental decisions the Government is not responsible or accountable.

Yours truly, LEOLIN PRICE, 10 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn. WC2. February 26.

From Mr Roger S. Kirby

Sir, This year nearly 10,000 men in

England and Wales are destined to die from prostate cancer. Yet each and every one of these tumours must have passed through a stage when it would have been potentially curable. Whether or not Professor Sir Miles

Irving's contention (letter, February 13; see also letter, February 19) that screening for prostate cancer is "futile" proves correct, clearly something must be done about a disease which is projected almost to double over the next 20 years.

Prostate specific antigen (PSA), the blood test for prostate cancer, is a new and exciting technology which should not be dismissed simply because it requires further refinement. The data so thoroughly reviewed by Professor Irving's committees (report, February 7) is unfortunately already out of date; controlled studies at present under way in Europe and the US should yield the answers, though not for sev-

eral years. In the meantime, what is the concerned clinician to do? Offering a patient up-to-date information on which to base his own decision as to diagnosis and treatment must surely be preferable to the laisser-faire approach advocated by the NHS health technology programme.

A recent analogy that springs to mind is that of BSE: time wasted in inactivity while awaiting conclusive evidence has led to devastating results.

Yours sincerely. ROGER KIRBY (Chairman, Prostate Research Campaign UK). 95 Harley Street, WI. February 22.

A climate in which the arts can thrive

From the Secretary of State for National Heritage

Sir, I agree with Tessa Blackstone Heritage versus a creative economy", February 28) about Britain's pre-eminence in the arts. To what factors does she attribute this remark-

able flowering of native talent? When he created the Department of National Heritage, the Prime Minister said: "A country can only be strong, healthy and contented if it . . . encourages its citizens to pursue excellence in sport and cultivates widespread appreciation of the arts." The formation of the department five years ago recognised the vital importance of

a rich cultural and sporting life. We have worked hard to create a chimate in which the arts can flourish. The money generated for good causes by the National Lottery - more than £3 billion - has meant unprecedented amounts flowing into the arts, sport and heritage. Later this week the Arts Council will announce an interim scheme using lottery money to help

fund more dance and drama training. Much of Tessa Blackstone's article echoes the lecture I gave to the Royal Society of Arts last October. She criticises the Government for our policies on art and education. It was because we understand the importance of the arts in education and the development of young people that I published a major policy statement on the arts and

young people last summer. One of the 47 action points in Setting the Scene was to work with the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority to review the place of arts in the curriculum. The joint international conference which my department has just held was an important step in

this process. The cultural landscape of Britain is changing, with new centres for the arts in Salford, Bristol, Newcastle and other cities. The arts play a vital part in economic and social regeneration. The success of the lottery in providing buildings and equipment has led the way to investment in human capital. The Arts Council's "Arts4Everyone" scheme, with its emphasis on young people, is designed to encourage parti-

cipation and build audiences.
On my appointment as National Heritage Secretary I said that I considered myself to be as much a Minister for the Future as for National Heritage. One fifth of jobs created in the next decade will be in tourism-related industry. The policies of my department are concerned with the future, through new technologies for libraries and museums, the shape of the media in the 21st century, the cel the third millennium, and the health

and firmess of the next generation. These are the serious issues which we have been addressing, not the trivial question of my department's name.

Yours sincerely, VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, Department of National Heritage, 2-4 Cockspur Street, SWI. March 2

Surname usage

From Dr Basil Greenhill Sir, Changes in forms of address are not confined to the use of surnames

(letters, February 8, 18, 20, 22, 25). Hjalmar Johansen was the sole companion of the great Norwegian explorer and statesman Fridtjof Nansen when, in March 1895, they left the steam schooner Fram drifting in the Arctic Ocean in an unsuccessful attempt to sledge over the ice to the

North Pole. They had been living off the wildlife in the most rigorous conditions for over nine months when, as Johansen records in his book, With Nansen in the North (Ward, Lock & Co. 1899), on December 31: "Nansen proposed that we should begin to say "du" (thou) to one another. Hitherto we had called each other "de" (you)."

Yours faithfully. BASIL GREENHILL West Bohetheric Farmhouse. St Dominic, Saltash, Cornwall. February 28.

From Mr Evan James

Sir, Before I was sent off to my first boarding school in 1919 my father (born 1876) instructed me that my name would be James and that should never be seen to blub.

When the dreaded day came, as the train drew out of Waterloo station l was sitting in a corner, doing my best to suppress tears. A big boy (Peter Fleming, who was captain of the school, I think), intending to befriend a new boy, came and asked me what my name was. I was well rehearsed with the answer, James, but when the next question was "James what?" all I could do was to blub.

Yours faithfully, EVAN JAMES, Upwood Park, Bessels Leigh. Abingdon, Oxfordshire. February 25.

Flying tackle

From the Reverend Julian Sullivan

Sir, Asda needs a more aggressive marketing strategy for a predatory biscuit to oust the Penguin (report, February 25). It might start by renaming its rival Peregrine. It is phonetically closer than Puffin but a bird of very different feather.

Yours faithfully, J. C. SULLIVAN, St Mary's Vicarage. 42 Charlotte Road, Sheffield.



COURT CIRCULAR

Patron, the South Bank Fourt-

dation, this evening attended a

concert by the Vienna Philhar-

monic Orchestra, at the Royal Festival Hall, London SEL

March 2: The Duke of Edin-

burgh, President Emeritus,

World Wide Fund for Nature

Founder and Chairman of the

International Trustees, The

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

International Association, and

Patron, Voluntary Service

Overseas, this morning left

Royal Air Force Northolt for

visits to Hungary, Turkey, Abu Dhahi in the United Arab

Emirates, the Sultanate of

Oman, Mongolia, Japan, Rus-

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis

The Oueen will give a reception for

winners of The Queen's Award for

Export and Technology at Buckingham Palace at 6.00. The

Duke of York, the Princess Royal,

The Rev Wallace Benn, Vicar,

Harold Wood, diocese of Chelms-

ford, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Lewes, diocese of Chichester.

He succeeds the Right Rev Lan

Candy, who is now Bishop of

song several weeks before

they leave. On young elms in

coated with furry red flowers,

the colour of a wine stain.

Dog's mercury is in bloom: it

hedges

cuckoo-pint are growing thick

in the ditches alongside

young stinging nettles. The

first brimstone butterflies

have come out of hibernation:

with their swift, erratic flight

they look like lemon-yellow

leaves blowing along the

has bright green

leaves and clus-

greenish-yellow

Duke of Kent will be present.

Bishop of Lewes

Nature notes

The blue tit

sia, Alaska and Canada.

Royal engagement

is in attendance.

WWF International,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 1: The Prince Edward, President, this morning at-tended a screening of a Journey of a Letter" and "the Gingerbread House" by the Children's Film Unit at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Piccadilly, London W1.

His Royal Highness this after-noon opened the Thames FM Studios, Brentham House, Hampton Wick, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, and was received by Mr David Jacobs (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 1: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this afternoon attended the International Match between Scotland and Ireland at Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieuten ant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

ST JAMES'S PALACE March I: The Prince of Wales this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Bangladesh. Mr Stephen Lamport, Lieutenant Commander John Lavery RN and Miss Sandy

Henney were in attendance. YORK HOUSE

Wrens are suddenly singing

everywhere, their beak wide

open and their whole body

vibrating with the effort. A

prominent theme in their song is a string of long,

ted woodpeckers are drum-

ming loudly on dead boughs:

this is their equivalent of a

song to attract a mate and

frighten off rivals. Some win-

ter visitors will start moving

north this month: redwings

gather in flocks in the treetops

like a nightin-

gale's. Blue tits

are also in full

song: the version

most commonly

heard is a short,

dry trill, but they

sometimes pro-

duce more musi-

cal variations on

this. Great spot-

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 1: The Duke of Kent, Peterborough.

Birthdays today

The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP. 63; Mr Charlie Brooks, racehorse trainer, 34; Mr Peter Calver, racehorse trainer, 63; Lord John FitzGerald, racehorse trainer, 45; Sir George Gardiner, MP, 62; Mr David Glencross, former chief executive, ITC, 61; Dr Rod Hackney, former president, RIBA, 55; Mr Martin Lovett, former mem ber, Amadeus Quartet, 70: Ms Merlyn Lowther, personnel direc-tor, Bank of England, 43; Mr Maurice Lynn, former Headmaster, The Oratory School, 46; Professor Angus McGrouther, plastic and reconstructive surgeon. 51; Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, former Lord Provost and Lord-Lieutenant of Edinburgh, 59; Air Vice-Marshal C.G. Maughan, 74; Lord Mellish, 84; Mr J.F.X. Miller, Headmaster, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, 47; Mr Stephen Morrison, managing director, LWT Productions, 50; Mr Peter O'Sullevan, racing com-mentator, 79; Sir Mark Prescott, racehorse trainer, 49; Miss Miranda Richardson, actress, 39: Mr Ronald Searle, artist and onist, 77; the Earl of Southesk, 36; Lord Templeman, 77; Miss Fatima Whitbread, athlete, 36.

Service dinners 250 (Hull) Field Ambulance

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray, Lieutenant of HM Tower of London and Honorary Colonel 250 (Hull) Field Ambulance (Volun-(Hull) Field Ambulance (Volun-teers), welcomed Lieutenant-Colo-nel D. L. Willey RADC (V), Commanding Officer, and Mrs Willey, Officers of 250 Field Am-bulance (Volunteers) and their ladies at a ladies' dinner night held on Saturday at the Royal Regiment the Tower. Major-General W. R. Short Director General Army G. R. Jones Territorial Army Advisor to the Director General Army their ladies, were the principal

Gulf War Jaguar Pilots

Air Vice-Marshal David Henderson was the principal guest at the sixth Gulf War Memorial dinner given by officers of the Gulf War Jaguar Pilots Association in Cambridge on Saturday. Wing Commander W. Pixton presided.

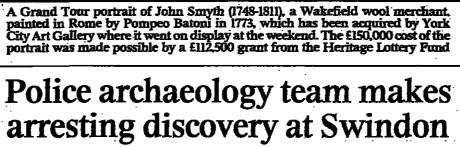
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flowers, and is found in woods, under which were once part of Major: W R Maclennan — CTCRM 27.5.97. ancient woods. arrow-

Commander: R J Albery — 25.5.97. Squadron Commander (D): N Harkness — 7.5.97.

Sir Basil Nield

A Memorial Service for Sir Basil Nield. CBE, DL, will be held in Temple Church on Wednesday. DJM | March 12, 1997, at 5pm.



ARCHAEOLOGY

A WILTSHIRE police archaeology team has found remains of a surprisingly Mediterranean Roman villa just south of Swindon. The closest parallels are at Pompeii, a degree of urban sophistication extremely unusual for a British rural site", according to Bryn Walters, of the Association for Roman Archaeology.

The site, in the valley of the River Og, is being kept secret until it can be made secure from metal detectorists, the local Ogbourne Times reports. Finds have included a large double-handled jar, probably for holding beer, and the finely garden pergolas leading down in Roman times.

carved bone handle of a folding razor. The villa "appears to be very like an Italic atrium house of the type found at Pompeii", Mr Walters told the Ogbourne Times.

A suite of baths has been found, with the hypocaust underfloor heating system and stoking area set into the slope and built over what seems to be an earlier bathhouse. Kitchens dating from the 4th century have also been uncovered, together with a large hall originally paved with flagstones, and what appears to be part of an

internal semi-roofed court, Parch marks in the fields have revealed what are believed to be the footings of

believe that the broad, straight section of the now-dry Og which borders the site was turned into a canal and acted as a river port some 500ft above sea level. An iron object is thought to be a boatman's hook, to launch and berth shallow-draught boats at a

landing stage. The suggestion that the Og Valley was a gathering point for boats and barges which then sailed south five miles to the confluence with the River Kennet at the Roman site of Cunetio, just east of Mariborough, will be controversial: the chalkland streams are not generally thought to have been navigable to that extent

Forthcoming marriages

YORK CITY ART GALLERY

Captain A.C.P. Ross, RM. and Surgeon Lieuten: Commander S.J. Murray, RN The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Sir Keith and Lady Ross, of Beauliett. Hampshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Dennis Murray, of Curbar, Derbyshire. Mr S.H. Bowder

and Miss K.D. Willis The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Bowder, of Skeifington, Leicestershire, and Kare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Willis, of Easton-in-Gordane, Avon.

Mr M.A.V. Boyle and Miss D.G.S. Lushington The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Anthony and Shella Boyle, of Dulwich, London, and Daphine, daughter of Roger and Diama Lushington, of Regulater Universities. Mr N.H. Dunnett

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Dunnett, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Roger Ferguson, of Oxton, Wirral. Mr N. Groves and Miss K. Morrison

The engagement is announced between Newby, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Groves, of Cobham, Surrey, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr Maxwell Morrison, and Mrs Lesiey Morrison, of Kingston, Surrey. Mr T.G. Shillington and Miss P.M. Kennedy

The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Shillington, of Altafort, Northern Ireland, and Polly, youngest daughter of Capain and Mrs David Kennedy, of Upper Hilcot, Gloucestershire. Mr S. Wilson and Miss S.M. Baker

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr. Ian. Wilson, of Pyriord, Surrey, and Mrs Lesley Wilson, of Grasse, France, and Sarah, daughter of Mr John Baker, of Salisbury, Wittshire, and Mrs Jennifer Lock, of Worplesdon, Surrey.

Captain J.A. Woods, RAMC, and Dr J.E. Sacil The engagement is announce between Justin, son of Mrs J. Woods and the late Mr JA. Woods, of Summingdale, Berkshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Snell, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Edinburgh, 1847; Sir Henry Wood, conductor and co-founder of the Promenade Con-certs, London, 1869; Jean Harlow, actress, Kansas City, 1911.

DEATHS: Francis Egenton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, engineer and canal builder, London, 1803; Arthu Koestler, novelist, committed suicide with his wife, London, 1983; Danny Kaye, actor, Los Angeles, 1987. Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata was published, 1802. Bizet's opera Carmen was first per-

formed, in Paris, 1875. The US Congress adopted The Star-Spangled Banner as the American national anthem, 1931.

Marriages

The Hop Andrew Joliste and Miss D.J. Teare
The marriage took place on
Saturday at the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Maughold, Ramsey, Isle of Man, of the Hon Andrew Jolliffe. younger son of Lord and Lady Hylton, of Ammerdown, Somerset, to Miss Diana Teare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifford Tears, of Ramsey, Pather

Clement Birch, OSB, officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Helen Teare and the Hon Emily Jolliffe Mr 13. Powell was best man. Mr M.S. Hatchison

and Miss S.E.L. Nicholson
The marriage took place on
Saturday at Waltham St Lawrence Parish Church, Berkshire, of Mr Mark Hutchison, son of Sir Peter and Lady Hutchison, of Melton. Suffolk, to Miss Sarah Nicholson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Nicholson, of Waltham St Lawrence. The Rev Peter Radies officiated. The bride, who was: given in marriage by her father, was attended by Victoria Foord. Tessa Codrington, Victoria Goodhew, Hannah Branfoot, Rebecca Branfoot, Mr Roland Foord was

best man. Captain S. Beil, RE, and Miss K. Lord The marriage took place on March 1. 1997, at Peckforton Castie Chapel, between Simon Bell and

Kayran Lord Mr M.J. Gilliat-Sa and Miss J.J. Collins The marriage took place on February 15, 1997, at St Paul's Church Camberley, between Mr Mathew Jolyon Gilliat-Smith, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brendan Gilliat-Smith, of Hadlow. Kent, and Miss Jennifer Jane Collins, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Collins,

of Camberley, Surrey, Canon Robert Crossley officiated, assisted by Father Kevin Taggart. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Katie Dowling, Rory Ryan, Olivia Tarry and Tess Ryan, Mr Dermot Flood was

best man. Mr S.J. Mumford and Mrs S.M. Sutton The Marriage Eucharist took place on Saturday, March I, at Great St Mary's, Cambridge, between Simon James Mumferd and Susan Mary Sutton. The Rev Ganon

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ARCHER - Catherine, Sarah died on the 20th of February 1997 at home. A wonderful sister who will be greatly missed by everyone. Dear Cathie your beauty, charm, humour and delightful smile will never be forgotten. All my love and gratitude for a lifetime of loving care and attention. May you rest in peace all my love Georgia. BEST. On 25th February passeduly, Eve of Hayon-Wye aged 97 years, Widow of Ray Best, formerly of Feterchurch, Hereford, and Mother of Joanna and the late Gerald. Service of Inankagiving at Peterchurch Church on Friday, 7th March, at 3 pm. Flowers to Dawe Bros., Westfalling Street, Hereford.

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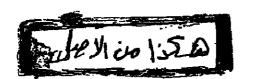
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SIR HORACE CUTLER

Sir Horace Cutier, OBE. leader of the Greater London Council, 1977-81, died vesterday aged 84. He was born on July 28, 1912.

nstantly recognisable with his pointed beard. sharp suits and flamboyant bow-ties, Horace rutter was for three decades a swashbuckling, influential figute in the government of London. His service to the capital spanned a continuous 29 years, spent variously on the Greater London Council. Middlesex County Council. and the council of his own borough of Harrow; at one point he sat on all three bodies at once. He was a passionate believer in the importance of local government.
The 1970s and 1980s were an

exciting time for the GLC. Motorways that had been under construction for eight years at last reached the lors a borders. The Thames Brier neared completion. As derest the council, Cutler Luc. over a local authority with a bigger budget than all but 19 countries in the United Nations. Its strategic powers embraced the 32 boroughs of

Greater London, each the size of a country town. it was an ideal forum for Cutter's unique, rather maverick mix of talents. Confident. impatient, with a zeal for innovation, he was an early and instinctive Thatcherite. Margaret atcher, in turn, drews ration from his achievements at the GLC who she became Prime Minr in 1979; she took his

ondon record as proof that, given the right leadership and motivation, it was possible to eget things done". The manner in which Cutler

got things done was not always uncontroversial. He was a man of determined and forthright views, who once publicly denounced the Board of London Transport as "an archaic, god-awful bunch of ineffective wets". He was at his desk each day by 7 o' clock, anxious to get on. His desire for quick results occasionally brought him into conflict not only with the entrenched bureaucracies of County Hall but with the more cumbersome machinery of national government at Westminster across the river.

Cutler was a shrewd user of the media to promote his cause, out some of me aften tion he himself received was less than welcome. Aspects of his career as a property developer led to accusations of conflict of interest and improper use of information, and there were attacks too over the personal election fund, financed by some of London's biggest construction companies, with which he had supported his campaign for office in 1977.

Suggestions of impropriety were not substantiated, however, and there was no deny-



ing the effectiveness of Cutler's political approach. At the GLC, he saved millions by cutting staff; he reduced the number of council committees by more than two thirds; he paid off millions of pounds of council debt; he launched an enthusiastic programme of housing sales. Only in trying to tackle the deeply institutionalised inefficiencies of London Transport did he fail to achieve his goals.

It was enough to bring him knighthood from a Prime Minister whose policies and beliefs he had espoused almost before she herself had conceived them. But it was not enough to stop London voters May 1981.

The new council soon embarked on an expensive programme of high-profile leftwing policies that ran directly counter to everything Cutler had stood for Incensed by the "Marxist takeover of London". and repeatedly frustrated in his efforts to get the better of the new Labour leader Ken Livingstone, whose skill as a political showman more than matched his own, Cutler stood down a year later as leader of the Conservatives on the GLC.

Horace Walter Cutler was the son of a Hertfordshire builder who saw and capitalised on the outward spread of the railways, especially the Metropolitan Line. Albert Cutler reckoned, correctly, that Londoners would want to live near green fields and commute to London daily to work. Setting out on a bicycle that he had built himself, he identified land suitable for housebuilding and likely to come onto the market; he bought it before others had

spotted its potential. Horace Cutler, the fourth of seven children, inherited his father's sense of industry and enterprise. He was educated at the local oriman Tottenham and at Hereford

Cathedral School. There was no question of his laundromats: from a modest oing on to university. His father died as a result of trying to help in a road accident and left part of his building business to Horace and to an elder brother. The brother was not a building enthusiast and Horace saw that his own immediate involvement was essential The brothers built hundreds of houses on land left to them by their father. The exterior of the houses remained much the

able business, with one parcel of land in Hampshire eventually being sold to a public body for £1.5 million; Cutler was leader of the GLC at the time of the sale, and questions were raised by his Labour opponents and in the press, but an. investigation revealed no irregularity. Cutler drew on his experience as a property developer

land was held for years, until it

could be sold and redeveloped.

It became an extremely profit-

throughout his political career. He was elected to Harrow Borough Council in 1952, becoming chairman of the planning committee two years later and chairman of the housing committee in 1955. the year in which he was also elected to Middlesex County Council, where he likewise went on to chair the housing and planning committees. At the GLC too, to which he was elected in 1964, he took a particular interest in planning. He was also, for 19 years from 1967 to 1986, a member of the Milton Keynes Develop-

ment Corporation. His abilities quickly took him to the highest levels in local government. He served as leader of Harrow Borough Council, 1961-65; leader of Middlesex County Council, 1963-65; and leader of the GLC 1977-81.

His ambitions were not always confined to the local level, however, and in 1960 he tried for the safe Tory parliamentary seat of Harrow West, but Sir Jack Page was chosen as candidate instead. Cutler was disappointed, but not bitter. At the 1970 general election he contested the Labour marginal of Willesden East, but was unsuccessful.

Cutler was appointed OBE in 1963, and knighted in 1979. He might have hoped for a peerage when the GLC was abolished by Margaret Thatcher, but one was not forthcoming. It has been suggested that if he had been in the House of Lords at the time, the introduction of the socalled poll tax might never have been attempted; with his experience of local affairs he would have seen its pitfalls clearly, and spelt them out succinctly and with humour in advance.

In his later years Cutler was involved with a company which purchased and managed refirement homes for the elderly. He spent long periods had built for himself on Ibiza. He also had a house in Gerrards Cross in Buckinghamshire, but he would still spend occasional nights at his Westminster flat in order to attend concerts at the Festival Hall. His last years were

dogged by illness. He married, first, Betty Martin (they later divorced) and secondly, Christiane Muthesius. Both survive him, with a son from his first marriage and a son and three daughters from his second.

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After early retirement, Jack-son left Aberdeen and went to

live in Ledbury where he

wrote A History of the Theory

teenth Century (1982), his sev-

enth book. Finally he moved to

Burwell near Cambridge,

where he returned to the life of

Sidney Sussex College and

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changed all this.

ISABELLE LUCAS

Isabelle Lucas, film. stage and television actress, was found dead at her home in Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, on February 24 aged 69. She was born on December 3, 1927.

HER sardonic performance as Norman Beaton's long-suffering wife, Pearl, in the 1976 television sitcom The Fosters made Isabelle Lucas the first black actress in Britain to become a national figure. Yet long before fame came to her unexpectedly on the verge of 50, she had built a distinguished reputation as a serious stage actress, appearing in some of the National Theatre's finest productions.

Born into a poor family in Toronto, Ontario, Isabelle Harriet Lucas made her earliest appearances as an amain Toronto stage productions of Show Boat and The Villain Still Pursues. She came to London in 1954 to study singing with Mark Ra-phael, and made an explosive West End debut at the Piccadilly Theatre on April 26, 1955, in the revue The Jazz Train.

During the revue's post-London tour, she met Maurice Jennings, a saxophonist in the theatre orchestra and later a leading figure in the Musicians' Union. They were married in 1957, the year in which she made her film debut with John Gregson in Miracle in Soho.

In 1959 her astonishingly powerful soprano voice stole some of the thunder from Elisabeth Welch and Millicent Martin in the West End musical The Crooked Mile. Then came her first appearance in a straight play, with Constance Cummings in The Genius and the Goddess, directed by Frank Hauser from an Aldous Huxley novel; it transferred from the Oxford Playhouse to the Comedy Theatre in 1962.

Her success in this led to a series of dramatic roles on television, including No Deadly Medicine and Song of the Civil War, with the young

Donald Sutherland. She also became the first black Martha in Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virgina Woolf? at the Connaught Theatre, Worthing, before returning to the West End in 1966 to play Barbra Streisand's maid. Emma, in the London production of Funny Girl at the

Prince of Wales Theatre. In 1969 she made her debut with the National Theatre company, appearing at the Old Vic with Derek Jacobi in

Shaw's Back to Methuselah, and then as Nurse Lake in the world premiere of Peter Nichols's black comedy, The National Health. Two further National Theatre productions followed, with Edward Woodward in Cyrano at the Cambridge Theatre in 1970, and with Norman Beaton and Maureen Lipman in Tyger, a musical celebration of William Blake at the New Theatre

in 1971. At Drury Lane in 1972 she made a memorable Mammy, the role played on screen by Butterfly McQueen in Harold Fielding's musical version of Gone with the Wind. A year later, she returned to the Old Vic as the leader of the Bacchantes in the National's production of The Bacchae, in which she strongly disapproved of Peter Hall's insistence on nudity for the female characters. Defying him, she appeared carefully draped, only to discover that throughout the photo-call, one of her breasts had been visible to the cameras, an accident she regarded as a great joke on herself.

In 1975, she appeared with Jimmy Jewel and Alfred Marks in Neil Simon's comedy. The Sunshine Boys, at the Piccadilly Theatre, followed by the gigantic success of her television partnership with Norman Beaton in The Fosters. This led to a similar series without Beaton, Mixed Blessings, in 1978, and then to a third sitcom, Agony, in which she played the outrageous Velma, "a bald, black lesbian mother".

A number of major international films included Outland, with Sean Connery, in 1981; A Caribbean Mystery, with Hel-en Hayes, in 1983; and Ellis Island, with Faye Dunaway and Richard Burton, in 1984. Her last West End musicals were Look to the Rainbow in 1985, and Trinidad Sisters in

By then, Lucas had joined the cast of EastEnders, first as a district nurse, then returning to Albert Square in the 1990s as the censorious mother of Della, Walford's black lesbian hairdresser.

There were two more hugely successful television series: May to December, with Anton Rodgers, and Desmonds, in which she was reunited with Norman Beaton, as a vampish old flame whose unscheduled visits created havoc.

Her final stage appearance, in 1993, as the Nurse in Dame Judi Dench's production of Romeo and Juliet at the Open Air Theatre. Regent's Park. confirmed the view, long held by critics and colleagues alike, that she was an actress of outstanding power and accomplishment.

She made one final television appearance in 1995 in an episode of The Bill. The last years of her life were clouded by increasing ill-health, but she was sustained by her long and deeply happy marriage to Maurice Jennings, who survives her. They had no

DAVID MITCHELL

David Mitchell, Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, 1946-92, died on February 2 aged 82. He was born on November 9, 1914.

DAVID MITCHELL was a devoted college tutor of the kind constantly reported as on the verge of extinction but which still thrives, happily, unobserved, within most coll-

ege walls. His interests ranged in all directions: from art history. ecology and wine, to music (above all Mozart) and ornithology. These characteristics, allied with his generous assumption that each of his pupils was a "marvellous human being", made him a demanding, rewarding and

inspiring tutor. David Mitchell won a scholarship to Merchant Taylors' in 1927 and went on to another in Classics at Hertford College. A double first was followed by the John Locke Prize and a senior scholarship to St John's. where he taught and re-

searched until the war.

Volunteering in September 1939. he was commissioned the following year and went out to the East as a subaltern in the 129th Field Regiment (Royal Artillery) with the 51st (Highland) Division in the summer of 1942. He saw continuous action (for which he was mentioned in dispatchest in India and Burma until. in late 1944, he was posted to Simla to learn Japanese, which he then used to interrogate surrendered Japanese of-

ficers in Bangkok. On demobilisation in 1946 and after considering a career in oriental art at the British Museum, he was elected to a fellowship in philosophy at



Worcester College and at once established himself as a stimulating tutor in a college which. perforce, had been somewhat dormant during the war.

In 1962 he published An Introduction to Logic. In this, as in his general philosophical work, he sometimes felt that what he was doing was too much out of the fashionable trend of Oxford philosophy to attract the attention it deserved. Developments in logic and philosophy of language often left him alienated. As time went by he turned increasingly to ethics with an Aristotelian inspiration.

As Tutor for Admissions at Worcester, he insisted on tutors having the final say in who was accepted, and was indifferent to the social and scholastic origins of candidates, though opposed to positive discrimination. He did much to raise academic standards. Later, as first Dean of Graduates, he campaigned successfully to raise graduates from their status as secondclass citizens.

In his later years he took

indefatigable enthusiasm served the college very well. He relinquished this work only when he was eighty. In 1971, as Senior Fellow he

became Vice-Provost, which ment in 1982. He was wine steward of the Senior Common Room for thirty-five years.

Outside the college, as Ju-nior Proctor, 1961-62, he was an active member of the powerful party in Congrega-tion which defeated the university's proposal to build a 260ft tower in the University Parks to house the Zoology Department (Maurice Bowra's "touch of San Gimignano in the Parks").

He was an invited member of the committee of inquiry set up by the Senate of Warwick University in 1970 after "the troubles" on the campus. His experience of university government contributed greatly to the liberal tone of the committee's report, which helped to rebuild confidence.

He was a school governor successively of Bromsgrove, Canford and Haberdashers'. Elstree, and on the education advisory committee of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. On sabbatical leaves he taught at Brown and Dartmouth in the United States and at the University of Hong Kong.

A keen traveller - he drove to Rome at 80 - and a lifelong collector of pictures, he built up a shrewdly chosen selection of minor classical oils and an enviable range of English watercolours.

He is survived by Barbara Davies, whom he married in 1947, herself later Ancient History Fellow at St Anne's, over the running of the college and their four children appeal. Here his vigour and three sons and a daughter. and their four children -

PROFESSOR MALCOLM CHARLTON

Malcolm Charlton. Professor Emeritus of **Engineering**, University of Aberdeen, died on February 1 aged 73. He was born on September L 1923.

ONE of the last survivors of the so-called hard industrial route into engineering. Malcolin Charlton started his career in 1939 as an apprentice with the then famous Doncaster Locomotive Works. Then, having gained an intermediate degree from London University by part-time study. followed by an honours degree in engineering completed by the time he was 20, he joined the Radar Research Establishment, TRE as it was known, at Malvern, where he developed his lifelong interest in structural mechanics.

in 1946 he joined the worldrenowned firm of electric power scheme consulting engineers, Merz and McLellan. in their Newcastle upon Tyne offices. He became involved in many aspects of their work, in particular hydroelectric power generation, but he maintained and developed his interest in structural analysis, particularly in energy principles in the theory of structures. Thomas Malcolm Charl-

ton's career as an academic began in 1954 when he was appointed to a university lectureship in engineering at Cambridge. Five years later he was elected a Fellow of Sidney Sussex College. There he was able to indulge his love of structural mechanics and of teaching, in which he excelled. as well as to enjoy the social life and intrigue of university and college life.

In a varied career he found himself, on the one hand, involved in organising the



engineering department's research projects and, on the other, one of three fellows present at the secret burial of Oliver Cromwell's embalmed head in the antechapel of Sidney Sussex College, where the Lord Protector of England had become a Fellow Commoner in Jolo.

more spacious interior design.

Some estate agents in Harrow

will still advertise one of these

properties as "a Cutler house".

found Cutler in the Royal

Navy, serving in minesweep-

ers in the Western Approach-

es, having turned down the

offer of an early army commis-

sion because he loved the sea.

After the war, the family

housing business continued,

but at a much slower pace.

Building materials were in

short supply and Cutler's in-

He started up his own

insurance business, which he

sold at a good profit years later

io one of the olg groups. Then

he was early into the new business of coin-operated

start of a few shops he spread

At the same time he was

buying up land. As his father

had anticipated the outward

march of the railways, so the

son was quick to spot the need

for service stations, restau-

rants and shops as towns were

bypassed by new mads, and

motorways diverged from the

It was pure speculation. The

old routes they had replaced.

out across north London.

terest waned.

The Second World War

In 1903 he was appointed to the Chair of Civil Engineering at Queen's University, Belfast. He took a leading role in developing teaching and research and at the same time played his part in university administration, including a period as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

He was professionally ac-tive both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland. When the Ulster Defence Regiment was formed in 1970 he joined the advisory council and he was a committed member until 1971, by which time he had left Northern Ireland. During this period he published two important books. Model Analysis of Plane Frameworks and Principles of Structural Analysis.

continued to write papers on the history of structural From 1970 until his early retirement because of ill-

analysis. A close family man, he is survived by his wife Valerie. whom he married in 1950, and by two of their three sons.

FATAL FISTICUFFS AT ETON

On Sunday last, about the hour of two o'clock

two young gentlemen, collegians of Eton, the Hon. F.A. Cooper and Mr. Wood, were in the playground when some words arose between them, and they pushed each other. Who gave the first assault is differently stated; but from words they proceeded to blows, and had fought for several minutes, when the captain came up and separated them. It was subsequently determined that they should meet on the following afternoon, and terminate their difference by a pugilistic encounter . . .

The majority of the scholars were present to witness the baitle, and the combatants stripped, at four o'clock on Monday afternoon and commenced fighting. Mr Cooper was smaller in stature than his opponent, his age was 15 years, and his opponent, who was half a head taller, was nearly 17. Mr. Wood had the advantage in point of strength, but the quickness and precision of Mr. Cooper were remarkable for one so young, and he declared that he would never give in . . .

Some of the backers' had brought a quantity of brands in bottles into the field, and the second of Mr. Cooper, in the eleventh round, poured a considerable quantity down Mr.

ON THIS DAY

March 3, 1825

According to the coroner's report, "pugilistic contests" were common among the scholars of Eton and of all other public schools, "the conqueror always tendering the hand of friendship to his opponent".

Cooper's throat... The young men continued, fighting from four until nearly six o'clock, and when they were in a state of exhaustion, they were constantly plied with neat brandy ... They fought sixty rounds, and at the end of the last round, Mr. Cooper fell heavily upon his head and never spoke afterwards . . . As soon as his death was known, expresses were sent off to the Earl of Shaftesbury and other relations of the deceased to inform them of the lamentable catastrophe.

■ After long consultation, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against Mr. Wood, the principal, and Mr Alexander Wellesley Leith, his second.

From an adjoining column:

Bow-street, - Yesterday, a man who stated his name to be Martin Jones, and that he a master smith in a small way of business at Harrow, came to this office, to claim the protection of the magistrates for himself, his family, and property, against the violence of a great number of the young gentlemen at Harrow School, who had, for several days past. assembled about his dwelling, with bludgeons and other weapons; and not only threatened to murder him and his son, but had actually demolised part of his house . . .

He said that about 150 boys came down, all armed. "A boy told me they were coming, and being really afraid of my life. I ran over to an opposite public-house for safety. They beat the boy across the shoulders for telling. They surrounded the public-bouse and swore they would have me out. They called out, "That is the old b-r that went to Dr. Butler, and nosed." I can bring plenty of witnesses to prove it.

At this time, Dr. Butler, Mr. Evans, and another of the masters came down; the doctor ordered them to disperse, and declared that every one who attempted to armoy me should be instantly expelled from the school ... '

Appointments

er Rev Noel Baker, Rector, stington and Frocester: to be mest in charge. Eastington and rocesser and Priest-in-charge. bandish w Haresfield and Moreon Valence w Whitminster (Gloucester).

The Rev Richard Bentley, Team Reont, East Ham w Upton Park, St Alban (Chelmsford): to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Petersham and Chaplain, HM Prison, Latchmere House (Southwark). The Rev William Boon, Priest-in-

Targe Sharpness w Purton and Rookend: to be also Priest-indrarge, Slimbridge (Gloucester). The Rev Derek Carpenter, Rector, St George Beckenham (Roch-Canan of Rochester Cathedral.

The Rev Thomas Caswell, Assistant Curate, Norwood, Sheffield to be Priest in charge, St. Cecilia. int Rev John Clegg, Rector, Poulton-le-Sands w Morecambe St Laurance to be Priest in charge, St Paul Grange over Sands, and Team Rector-designate of the

Church news Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry

(Carlisle). The Rev Richard Collins, Assistant

Curate, Whickham: to be Assistant Curate within the Bensham Team Ministry, w responsibility for the High and Low Teams (Durham). The Rev Roger Collinson: to be NSM, Appleby in Westmorland and Ormside (Carlisle).

The Rev Sue Cumming, Lecturer at St Mary and St Catharine. Nottingham: to be Chaplain's Assistant, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham (Southwell). The Rev Sheila Dixon. Assistant Curate, Ordsall All Hallows' and Retiord St Albans (Southwell): to be Priest-in-charge, Sutton w Carlton and Normanton upon Trent and Marnham [Southwell]. The Rev Arthur Driver, Vicar, St Margaret, Putney: to be Vicar, St

Paul, Streatham (Southwark). The Rev Christopher Dunkley, Vicar, St Aidan's, Leicester (Leicester): to be Vicar, St Luke's, Holbrooks (Coventry).

The Rev Anthony Everett, Curatein-charge. St John the Baptist. Malden: to be Vicar. St Alban. Streatham Park (Southwark). The Rev Sheila Fletcher, Assistant Curate, Dringhouses: to be halftime Priest-in-charge. Sutton-on-

the-Forest (York). The Rev Heather Fullarton. Assistant Curate, Colwich w Great Haywood: to be Team Vicar. Designate, Swindon and Himley. in the Wombourne Team Ministry (Lichfield).

Canon Martin Goodlad, Vicar, St Philip, Cheam Common: to be Vicar, Sr Andrew. Coulsdon (Southwark). The Rev Robert Hardwick, Assistant Curate, Beeston (Southwell):

TO

Redbourne and Hibaldstow (Lincoln). The Rev Peter Hart Assistant Curate, Shipley St Peter (Bradford): to be Team Vicar, St Martin's, Walsall Team Ministry (Lichfield).

be Vicar, Scawby and

the Worcestershire Industrial Mission (Worcesteri: to be Chaplain to the Chemical Industry, Teesside Industrial Mission (York). Resignations and retirements

The Rey David Helms, Chaplain w

The Res Peter Canning, Vicar, Hartshill, Nuneaton (Gwentry). retired November 30, 1990, on grounds of ill-health. The Rev Dennis Crossley, Rector,

January 31. The Rev Peter Ford, Assistant Chaplain in Norway (Europe) to retire March 31. The Rev Roy Hibbert, Rector,

Newport w Longford, Cherwynd

Finchampstead (Oxford): retired

and Forton (Lichfield) retired January 31. The Rev Robert Jones, Vicar, Wetwang and Garton on the Wolds w Kirkburn resigned as Rural Dean of Harthill (York) January 31.

The Rev Louise Lancaster, Curate (NSM), Sr John the Raprist w St Michael and All Angels, Clarendon Park. Leicester (Leicester): resigned February 12 with permission to officiate, same diocese

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Major's role in fund-raising deal

■ John Major's personal involvement in securing one of the biggest overseas donations in the Conservative Party's history is revealed today.

Lord McAlpine of West Green, the former party treasurer, tells how Mr Major asked him to solicit desperately needed funds from a millionaire businessman. The benefactor, whose identity is not disclosed in Lord McAlpine's memoirs, Once a Jolly Bagman, handed over a £500,000 cheque...... Page 1

Pregnant women 'may drink — a little'

It is safe for pregnant women to drink a small amount of alcohol without harming the foetus. But women who drink more than three small glasses of wine a day may harm the brains of their unborn children, according to an authoritative survey of the risks of alcohol to the foetus...

Dorrel climbdown

Stephen Dorrell was forced into an embarrassing climbdown after becoming the first Cabinet minister to declare that Britain would not join a single currency on January 1. 1999......Page 2

Dowding family row

A family feud has broken out over the sale of the wartime medals of Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding by his son's French-born third

Birthday party crash

Forty-one people were injured when a coach returning from a twenty-first birthday party was blown off off a Lincolnshire road into a water-filled dyke Page 3 Dolphin casualties

Hundreds of dead dolphins have

been washed ashore on the coast of western France in recent

weeks. Scientists believe that they were killed accidentally by fishing boats.... Page 4 Blair goes Euro If Labour wins the election Tony

Blair will replace John Major's choice of British pictures in 10 Downing Street with works by European masters.... Page 5 Defence issue

Public pride in the armed forces and support for a strong national defence are among Britain's most enduring political facts. The Times guide to the election . Page 6

Drugs warning

Lessons designed to prevent the misuse of drugs are ineffective in many secondary schools because the pupils know more about the subject than their teachers, inspectors report todayPage 8

Child prostitution

Charities are being accused of exploiting child prostitution in an aggressive battle for donations from the public..

German iobless Unemployment in Germany leapt last month to reach a postwar record of 4.8 million, fuelling

market and political speculation that Bonn will have to delay monetary union.... Bomb case turmoil

The Oklahoma City bombing

case was in turmoil after a report that Timothy McVeigh, one of the suspects, had said the attack was calculated to ensure a "body .. Page 12 count" -

Albania crisis

Albania was close to collapse as protesters from Vlore and other southern towns looted weapons from police and army barracks and burned down one of the presidential palaces...

Mercenary army

Hundreds of demobilised Serb soldiers and paramilitaries are being recruited to prop up President Mobutu's forces in the Zairean civil war Page 14

King gives a palace to orphans

King Husain of Jordan is turning one of his splendid palaces into a home for orphaned and homeless children and moving with his family into "a modest home" in the suburbs of Amman. He and Queen Noor were visibly moved during a visit to a poorly-equipped home for orphans aged between one and seven ..



The junk, Precious Dragon, leaves Hong Kong on a voyage to London where she is due on July I when the colony reverts to China

BUSINESS

Rogue trade: The latest City scandal over millions of pounds lost on obscure trading markets arrived on the eve of the publication of a Bank of England warning over sky-high ... Page 48

Sinking feeling: There are fears that the planned merger of cross-Channel ferry operators will lead to higher job losses... Page 48

First gear: The resurgence of the British car industry, and the creation of a world-class clutch of motor component suppliers, has much to do with the £3 billion invested in this country by three Japanese companies Page 46

Taxing task: A company specialising in helping the public to cope with self-assessment is raising Page 43

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Melvyn Bragg: "Marx, Freud and Einstein; Mahler and Mendelssohn; Klemperer and Bernstein; Bellow and Singer. These and so many more Jewish intellectuals have irrigated the imagination".. High notes: It's a triumph for children's opera as Glyndebourne unveils the new commission Misper.

from Sussex schools and a few adult professionals......Page 18 Screen talk: Why Anthony Minghella was thrilled with the idea of turning Michael Ondaatje's prizewinning novel The English Patient ...Page 19

which was premiered by pupils

On the road: The Lemonheads launch their Irish and UK tour in Dublin in fine stylePage 19

FEATURES

Particle physics: How unexpected results were recorded when subatomic particles were smashed together in an accelerator ring, challenging the accepted explanation of how atoms work Page 15 Memory maintenance: Three cofiees a day could help the elderly to keep their memories in trim, say Dutch scientists. Coffee can reduce forgetfulness by half _____Page 15

THE PAPERS

Our country is unprotected from the hell constituted by the creation of human clones. The birth of Dolly brutally highlights the differences between various national approaches to supervising the appetite and the power of the biologists.

IN THE TIMES

VISUAL ARTS German photographic pioneer August Sander is featured at the National Portrait Gallery

LAW Is access to justice being threatened by a dramatic rise in costs?

TOMORROW

Football: Manchester United's chances of retaining the Premiership were enchanced when Liverpool, their nearest challengers, lost I-O to Aston Villa Racing: Willie Carson's decision to retire brings the curtain down on a elittering career Cricket: England were beaten by

nine runs by New Zealand in fourth one-day international of the series in Auckland....... Page 26 Rugby union: France showed that they could develop into a great team with a remarkable display of composure under pressure in their victory over England Page 29 Golf: Richard Green, an Australian

left-hander, won a play-off with Ian Woosnam and Greg Norman to secure the Desert Classic title in Dubai. Motor racing: David Coulthard is

determined to be the leading British driver in this year's Formula One world championship .Page 35 Football: A feeder club system would be disastrous for teams in the lower divisions, says Steve McManaman ... Page 33

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Previou: The fifties leader would have little sympathy for new Labour: Walden on Gaitskell (BBC2 11.15). Review: Nice Tardis, shame about the charm, says Matthew Bond on Crime Traveller . Page 47

Thin red line

There are few secrets left in the Labour cupboard. The great exception is defence, on which the public 🐴 can only guessPage 21

Speak your mind

Mr Major should challenge Mr Blair alone to election debate and arrangements should be made to accommodate that. All the other objections are essentially procedural. relating to the detailed conduct of the encountersPage 21

Albania aflame

If President Berisha is engulfed by the chaos and the Opposition, controlled by the former Communists. triumphs, the West may regret its nonchalance.....

Signals

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Europe has not only enmired John Major's administration: it split Wilson's Government, and caused the political assassination of Margaret Thatcher. It must now be the biggest threat to Tony Blair's second term... .. Page 20 PETER WATSON

What is the point of setting up an independent inquiry into Sotheby's, consisting of the company's independent directors and outside lawyers, if an internal inquiry exonerates Mr Gordon before the independent inquiry has had a chance to get going?...... Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

Labour has become practised and adept at opposition, but that mainly involves taking up positions, issuing press releases and devising soundbites. It is about words, not decisions. Many spokesman are still addicted to the gesture politics of opposition Page 20

OBITOARIES -

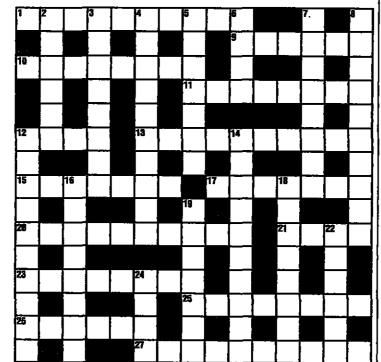
Sir Horace Cutler, GLC leader: Isabelle Lucas, actress; Malcolm Charlton, engineer..... Page 23

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,417



- **ACROSS**
- 1 Sheep and lambs going astray -curses! (10).
- 9 Decoration one king's bestowed on another (6). 10 It's not so unusual to see monarch
- on public land (8). If He denounces dealer holding
- 12 Social workers some can't stom-
- ach (4). 13 Taken in - not for the first time! (10)
- 15 Out, in, out it is good training
- 17 Person who scoffs mushroom, retained in stomach mostly (7).

20 Work extra hard on account of

- the family (10). 21 From what we hear, appropriate main parts (4).
- 23 Well-equipped fuel supplier (8).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,416 will appear next Saturday, The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

- 25 None sleep too long without incurring trouble (2,1,5). 26 For example, accepting sloth, say,
- can be relaxing (6).
- 27 Not inclined to be sincere (2,3.5).
- DOWN
- 2 Visit a joint, receiving the goahead (4,2).
- 3 Language used in most outlandish area of Britain (8). 4 Be extremely obstructive, bring-
- ing up the rear (10). 5 A Roman writer full of fighting spirit (7).
- 6 Fizzy drink giving rise to difficulties? (4).
- 7 Blunt criticism of builder joining club (8).
- 8 Offers fantastic reductions (10). 12 Scientist who finds his work heavenly (10).
- 14 The instant assessment is "Could do better" (6-4).
- 16 No practical individual is thought to enter (8). 18 I'll stick around — that's sweet (8).

19 Employee on strike issued state-

- ment (4-3). 22 A link without a French connection (6)
- 24 So. with some hesitation, proceed
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FORECAST

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tures will be a little above normal. Scotland and Northern Ireland should be mostly dry with good sunny spells. There will be a few showers, these generally confined to western parts of Scotland. It will be windy, especially in the north, and temperatures will be a degree or so

☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales: Cloudy, rain, mainly light, spreading from the west. Wind light south or southwesterly. Mild. Maxi-

mum temperature 9C or 10C (48F to 50F)

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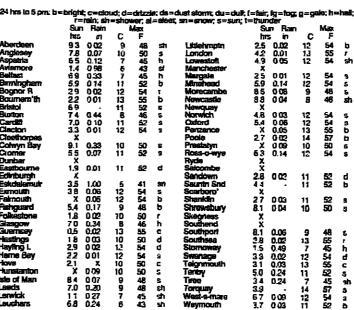
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☐ Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Moray Firth, Northern Ireland: Dry, clear or sunny spells. Wind southwesterly moderate to fresh. Mild. Maximum temperature 8 or 9C (46F to

Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Clear or Sunny spells with showers, snow on higher ground. Wind southwesterly fresh or strong. Mild. Maximum temperature

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☐ E England, N Wales, NW northwest later. AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY



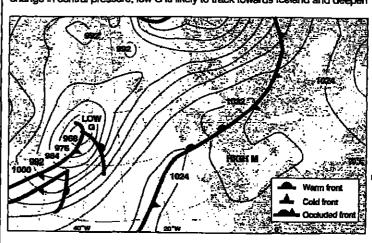
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